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'If this is peace, what is war?'

THE BOMB was so devastating By DAVID MCKITTRICK that most of the anger has not yet burst through. Omagh is still at the stage of shock, numbness and bewilderment about why such diabolical savagery should have been visited upon it on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

The grief is in its early phase, for few in the town can really comprehend the scale of its loss. The grief will build over the coming days, accompanied by anger against the bombers and what they did.

women and five men, snuffing out a total of 28 lives. Eleven people are still critically ill in hospital. Northern Ireland has had many bad day, but this was the worst of them, a new record death toll, a new low.

Yesterday came the VIP visitors, including the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and the Irish President, Mary McAleese, to signal their sympathy and support. Next came the lists of the dead, reminiscent of the casualty lists posted up during the First and Second World Wars.

Then will come the full details of how families have been affected, some losing more than one member, some suffering more than one injury.

generations: Avril Monaghan 30, heavily pregnant with twins, her 18-month-old daughter, Maura, and mother Mary Grimes, 65, were on a shopping trip when the bomb exploded; three schoolboys, two aged 12 and one eight, from neighbouring Co Donegal, were killed alongside two Spanish friends on a shopping trip.

Next will come the funerals, too many for one small town, too many for one community to bear, a day or days filled with nothing but burials. The sense of loss will be communal as well as personal: that shared burden may make the funerals slightly easier to get through.

But after that will come everlasting loss for so many families: the chair where a mother used to sit, a father gone for ever, a child's empty room.

The recent emphasis on looking after victims of the Troubles has brought to light just how many people never really get over the effects of violence, even decades after the event. Many who think they have recovered find that years afterwards they go through flashbacks and nightmares.

The Omagh bomb has condemned hundreds more people to the status of victims. Two hundred were injured and hundreds have lost loved ones; some will now go through life as orphans, or amputees, or bearing terrible physical and mental scars.

Until the bomb went off, at 3.10pm on Saturday, Omagh might have been rated a reaIreland Correspondent

sonably lucky town by Northern Ireland standards. Like many towns it had its share of killings. and had residents killed elsewhere, but most of those deaths occurred back in 1973 and 1974, with another outbreak of killings around 1979.

While not trouble-free in the years that followed, it was only occasionally touched by violence. Most of the casualties They killed nine children, 14 have been members of the security forces killed by the IRA in or near the town. There are many republicans in the vicin-

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ity, but somehow they were

never quite as active, or as mil-

itant, as those in comparable

areas elsewhere.

busier as police shepherded people towards it, a telephone caller having warned of a bomb at the courthouse some 250 The fact that the street was packed helps explain why the omb caused the highest-ever death toll. The new school term

busy, housing as it does a coffee

shop, a couple of clothes shops

and a pub. It became even

begins in two weeks time, and some of the women killed were buying uniforms for their children, uniforms which some children will now never wear. The explosion left little of the car and little of many of the victims. The blast, the disinte-

grated car, the glass from the shop windows, masonry from the huildings, scythed the people down, lacerating and dismembering. Those first oo the scene told, shocked, of the details we would rather not hear: of battered prams, of the blackened bodies of children, of detached legs, arm and hands. The rest of Northern Ire-

land looked on in steadily growing horror First, came television newsflashes asking off-duty doctors to report urgently to Tyrone County Hospital in the town; then reports that several mours that 12 could have died.

People could hardly believe it when the official death toll reached a dozen: why on earth should Omagh be attacked? Who would want to cause casualties oo such a scale? Aren't the Troubles supposed to be on the wane?

The focal point of horror had, meanwhile, shifted to the Omagh hospital, where wards and corridors were running red with blood. A surgeon described it as "a battlefield". A nurse said people were "running, screaming, crying". The hospital took in 96 women, 22 children and 30 men, some of

them arriving in busloads. By yesterday patients had been dispatched to five other It has its social problems, with a developing drug culhospitals. Distraught people ture, and its share of deprivaspent many hours awaiting tion. As is the case almost word of their relatives and everywhere in Northern Ireland there is a degree of relifriends: some had to wait all night, boping against bope, only to be told yesterday the gious segregation: its residents talk, for example, about "the Protestant end of the town". news they had dreaded hearing.

The worth of the whole It is about 60 per cent Catholic and 40 per cent Protestant, a balance reflected peace process will now be reexamined by the public. One tearful and upset woman in in the fact that the council has Omagh asked yesterday: "If a Sinn Fein chairman with a Unionist deputy. Relations bethis is peace, what's war?"

London, Dublin and nearly tween the two communities are not totally harmonious, but all the major parties, north nor are they poisonous. and south, were already doing One Omagh man said: "Okay, it's not a shining example, but their best yesterday to shelte and protect the political it's not the worst place either." progress which has been made.

With the exception of the On Saturday, though, the cen-Real IRA and the Rev Ian Paistre of Omagh became the worst place imaginable for its people. ley, few major figures in Ireland The narrow street where the car want to see the abandonment bomb had been parked was of the peace process and a return to the drawing-board. The process is a long and difficult road but, the body politic reck-

ons, it is the only road ahead. The Real IRA is held responsible for the bombing, though nobody can fathom what it hoped to achieve. Attacks which cause major civilian casualties are regarded by republican groups as counterproductive setbacks. The Real IRA has tried to kill soldiers and police before now with mortar attacks on security bases, but until Saturday it had never

Its speciality has been attacks on town centres with large bombs, though to first give . warnings and depend on the efficiency of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to clear the area. The police view is that Omagh was a deliberate effort to take life, but this leaves questions unanswered.

If inflicting large-scale casu-

alties was its intention it is more likely to have targeted a Protestant town rather than a mixed one such as Omagh, where the dead were bound to include nationalists. Dead nationalists are

bad for republican business. The organisation has also sponse, for the near-universal sentiment is that the security forces should go in after them, and go in hard. This sentiment is visible among nationalists as well as Unionists, and in the south as well as the north.

The Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, has already spoken of "crushing" the group and of "ruthlessly" suppressing it. British ministers are talking in similar terms. Mr Blair said there should be "no hiding place" for the bombers. "We

must make sure not merely

that we build up such support that we allow these people to be driven out. There will be people that know who are responsible for this atrocity. We have got to create a climate in which there is no hiding place for them."

But it really hardly matters left itself open to the most to the citizens of Omagh stringent police and Army re- whether the Real IRA meant to kill all those people, or whether the deaths flowed from some sort of foul-up. Everyone knows who is to blame for the carnage: the Real IRA is the cause of all this present misery and all the future suffering.

The buildings of Omagh can be replaced and repaired, but murdered people cannot be, and the injuries of many will never fully heal. The families of the dead have been left to salvage what they can from the ruins, to try to divine some meaning or purpose in it all, and [that] we are taking all the sesomehow to try to make sense curity measures we can, but of so much senseless murder.



A grief-stricken man outside the Omagh leisure centre, where police and social services have set up an information office Peter Morrison/PA

Clinton lawyer pledges 'whole truth'

AS PRESIDENT Bill Clinton By MARY DEJEVSKY prepared for the most perilous day of his five-and-a-half-yearold presidency, his lawyer made a dramatic intervention to try to quieten speculation about his

testimony to the grand jury. In a statement issued at noon yesterday, David Kendall dismissed media reports about his client's strategy and insisted that Mr Clinton would tell the truth and only the truth.

"There is apparently an

in Washington

enormous amount of rabid speculation about the President's testimony tomorrow," the statement read. "The truth is the truth. Period. And that's how the President will testify."

Mr Clinton is scheduled to give evidence to the grand jury this afternoon about his relationship with the former White House trainee, Monica Lewinhe told Ms Lewinsky also to lie under oath. Mr Kendall's statement

came amid a flurry of reports that Mr Clinton had settled on an admission of an "inappropriate relationship" with Ms Lewinsky that would not entail any admission of perjury. Bob Woodward, the Wash-

sky. At issue is whether he lied ington Post reporter who made a sexual relationship with Ms about the relationship when his name with the Watergate in- Lewinsky. "He may not have mer colleagues and supporters he answered questions under vestigation, quoted an unoath last January and whether named source "who has spoken with the President and his legal team" as saying Mr Clinton would change his account to admit a sexual relationship,

but had to prepare his family. The Associated Press cited two unnamed presidential advisers as saying the breakthrough came on Saturday when he admitted he had had

used the word 'sex'," said one, "but he has finally broken through that barrier."

Ms Lewinsky, who gave her testimony 10 days ago after bargaining for total immunity from prosecution, reportedly told the grand jury she had had a sexual relationship with Mr Clinton over an 18-month period to December 1996.

The airwaves yesterday rang

with the voices of lawyers, forof the President almost begging him to tell the truth, arguing that the personal and political cost of not doing so would be greater.

The chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, Orrin Hatch, coupled a renewed plea for the truth with a warning that if he perjured himself before a grand jury, Congress would have no choice but to impeach.

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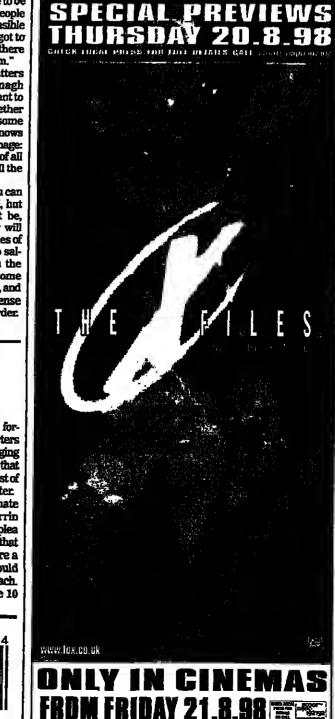
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US asylum seekers cost £10m

Britain is spending up to £10m a year jailing refugees who are being arrested as they pass through British airports on their way to seek asylum in America. Page 8

Government lied about deterrent The Government has been accused of misleading the public over the cost of Britain's nuclear deterrent to the tune of up to £1bn a year.

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Congo mobs turn on Westerners

Foreigners working in the Congo capital of Kinshasa were fleeing the city as a rebel army advanced from the

Hunt starts for Swedish monster Hunters began a search of Sweden's Great Lake for a monster - a horse-like or snake-like creature - said to bave inhabited it for at least 360 years.

Failure for Fossett's balloon bid Steve Fossett's attempt to be the first persoo to circle the world ooo-stop in a ballooo appeared to have failed after his emergency locater beacon activated. Page 12

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Flextech's Roger Luard, 49, dies Roger Luard, chief executive of Flextech, the televisioo group, died last weekend, it was announced yesterday. Mr Luard, 49, had beeo oo sick leave.

DIY market set for merger mania The DIY retail market is set to consolidate, with smaller players joining forces to survive the economic slow-

down, according to an influeotial new report. Page 13

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Michael Owen scored the winning goal as Liverpool kicked off their Premiership season with a 2-1 win at Southampton Page 26

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England beat Sri Lanka by 36 runs in the triangular one-

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'The time of the butchers is passing. You may find that hard to believe on this sad Monday, but I ask you to make an act of faith.'

Steve Richards

Belatedly, the Blairites have started to worry that the likes of Liz Davies could be elected, while loyal modernisers could face defeat."

Helen Womack

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New security crackdown

BY COLIN BROWN. **ANDREW BUNCOMBE** AND ALAN MURDOCH

A SECURITY crackdown on the "Real IRA" renegades operating south of the border was being planned last night by the British and Irish governments as Tony Blair promised to bunt down the terrorists who exploded the 500lb bomb in Omagh.

The reintroduction of internment was not being ruled out following calls by the Ulster Unionists for members of the breakaway group to be arrest-ed without charge. But Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, gave a clear signal that the two governments believe "other measures" could prove more effective.

The chief constables of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Garda are to report to the two governments oo what security action is oeeded across the border, and new measures were promised within the oext few days, if they are felt nec-Tony Blair last night sought

to prevent Unionists and loyalists from hitting back and destroying the peace - attempting to unite all shades of political opinion against the renegade group in a round of meetings at Stormont with political leaders after cutting

short his holiday in France. His official spokesman said the terrorists would be given no hiding place amid rising bopes that they will be "shopped" to the police or the official IRA by their own community.

Uoprecedented condemnatioo of the bombing by the Sinn Fein leaders, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, was seen by Downing Street as a signiflcant break with the past.

"The change in the political situation should not be overlooked," said the Prime Minister's official spokesman. "Overseas or at home, these people have got oo friends in



Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott (centre), Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Seamus Mallon (left), and John McFali (right), newly appointed Northern Ireland minister, surveying the devastation in Omagh yesterday

country oo earth. They have got no votes, no political support, no great numerical support. They stand for absolutely oothing but terror. They are basically criminals and in some cases

psychopaths." Mr McGuinness hinted the nationalist community will come out against the renegade group, raising hopes that they will be identified. He said: "I striker who has founded a disthink people will make it crystal clear that these people should not be allowed to wreck the peace process."

A special Irish cabinet meeting on Wednesday will decide oo measures to strengthen security and surveillance op-After chairing an emer-

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high places in any civilised inet security committee, at which the latest intelligence reports were studied, Mr Ahern pledged "whatever resources are oecessary" to deal with the new threat.

He said be believed the republican bero Bobby Sands wouldn't have stood over the borrific events of yesterday" seen as a pointed reference to the sister of the dead bunger sideot republican pressure group. The bombing increased speculation that the split in the IRA could lead to a new and bloody feud.

Andrew Mackay, the Tory spokesman on Northern Ireland, said he believed the lives of Sinn Fein leaders could be at risk. Calling for the IRA to ingency meeting of the Irish cab- form on the breakaway group

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which carried out the bombing, Mr Mackay said; "Adams and McGuinness could be quite worried for their own safety.

"If you look at Irish history, when there are splits in the republican movement, they 'do in' the leaders of the mainstream group. I would make sure the security forces get these people first

"I believe there is an opportunity here for the mainstream republican Sinn Fein-IRA to end the cancer of terrorism in Northern Ireland by cooperating because they know who these people are. "They know the terrorist underworld. If their words mean anything, they must be matched by actions. They should help to arrest these people and wipe out the

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'It is impossible to contemplate, to get in the mind of anyone who could do this ... We will not let these people wreck the future.

No stone will be left unturned until we bring these people to justice." Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Coostable of the RUC

"This appalling act ... is de-signed to wreck the process and everyone should work to ensure the peace process

Martin McGuinness, Sinn **Fein chief negotiator**

"I have as much respect for the British Government as I have for the IRA. They both of them have played this game of telling people we can win this by concession after concession after con-

Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist Party leader

"Once again, blind violence is attempting to impede the difficult path of peace and productive harmony ... my earnest hope ... is that the Irish people of goodwill will not succumb to violence and that they will persevere." Pope John Paul II

FORECAST

General situation Dull and humid across England and Wales with coastal and hill fog and drozzly rain in places, but later becoming fresher and brighter in the north and west. Storland and Northern Ireland will have suriny spells and well statement showers.

Cent S, SWA, E & SE England, London, E Anglia, E Middlands: Dull and humid with druzzly rain in places, Fog over the hills and at times towards the coasts. A light south-west wind. Max temp 21-24C (70-75F).

W Midlands, S Wates: Rather misty this moining with drizzly rain. Fresher later with sunny breaks developing. A light south-west wind, later westerly May temp 19-22C (66-72F). N Wales, NW, Cent N & NE England, Lake Dist, bile of Man: Dry spells. A light to moderate westerly wind. Max temp 19-21C (66-70F).

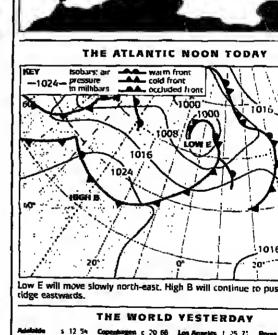
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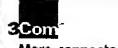




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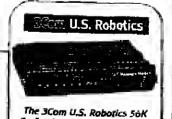
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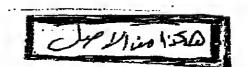
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A passer-by with a video camera captured the moment of the explosion in Omagh town centre on Saturday, and the shock, the death, injury and destruction and the attempts to help the victims

Children laughed as they prepared for a carnival. Then they were blown apart

BY STEVE BOGGAN, ANDREW BUNCOMBE AND KIM SENGUPTA

IT WAS carnival day in Omagh and the air was filled with the laughter of children. Bunting festooned the bustling streets on a warm and happy market day in a town that was enjoying he new peace.

Mothers were there with their sons and daughters to buy school uniforms for the new term while, a short distance away, excited youngsters on 14 floats put the fmishing touches to fancy dress costumes and face paintings.

Shoppers had been evacuated from one end of the high treet because of a bomb scare, hut no one took it too seriously. It happened all the time.

And then the bomb went off. In a split second, the force of the hlast along with shrapnel and shards of glass had taken their toll on flesh and bone, Dozens lay dead or dying and, as masonry dust and smoke cleared, scenes of unimaginable horror greeted the survivors.

It was 3,10pm. The earlier bomb warning had been made in a telephone call to the BBC. The caller said the device was at the courthouse in Main Street. Police reacted quickly, clearing the area and shepherding people to the other end of the street, inadvertently leading them, like lambs to he slaughter, towards the real tite of the 500lb car bomb near the junction of Market Street and Dublin Road.

When it went off, hundreds of shoppers, predominantly women and children, were near by. Ten minutes later, the carnival procession would have

been in full flow. The hlast brought down blood. I thought this was what walls and roofs on top of people and sent hricks and glass hurtling into them. When the noise subsided, witnesses spoke of seeing people with horrific injuries lying motionless while others screamed hysterically or walked aim-

lessly in deep shock. "The first thing I saw was a wee boy lying with his mouth open and his eyes open and blood all over him. He was dead," said Louis Godfrey, 18. "He was about six years old.

"There was one girl about 21 who just sat there hugging this wee fella who was dead. He was about eight years old. She didn't want to let him go. She said she wanted to stay with him until his parents came. She kept saying over and over, What has he ever done on anybody? He's so young. He doesn't even know the meaning of life'. Eventually a policeman persuaded her

to let go." While bloodsoaked survivors and policemen began tearing at the ruhhle to pull out the injured, panic began to spread as people from other parts of the town rushed to the scene to search for relatives.

Dorothy Boyle, 59, wept openly as she described the scene. "I saw bodies lying everywhere." she said. "I saw Hem being put in bags and

being zipped up." She said she saw a young pregnant woman whose legs had been blown off, while another woman in a wheelchair had been screaming for help. "There was one boy had half his leg blown off and it was lying there with the wee shoe still on it. He didn't cry or anything. He

was just in shock." Ian Frew was working in the Salad Bowl shop close to the bomb when it went off Standing in a bloodstained T-shirt, he said: "Everybody just dropped. People lay dead all around. here was a baby lying in the window of Kells shop. It was just lying there dead, its pushchair

standing beside it." John Atkins, who had been shopping with his wife Ellen said: "For the first time I realised there was a smell to



an abattoir must smell like. Then I was disgusted with myself for even thinking that.

helped a stream of ambulances day. I can't understand the men-

tality of whoever did this."

It was only by good fortune

These were people, men, women and children ..."

would move it. Thank God."

take the injured for treatment. The town's phone lines went dead for a time, and traffic jams built up as anxious people made their way to the hospital in search of relatives. Paddy Mc-Gowan, a local councillor, flagged down two buses to ferry the injured to hospital. "It was like a battlefield," he said. "There were scores of injured, seriously injured. People were running looking for their children. I've never seen devastation like it. It was a busy market

The steps of Tyrone County

THE AFTERNOON OF TERROR 2.30pm Phone call to media, warning of bomb at Courthouse in 'Mair 5treet', Omagh Security forces went to Courthouse area Police began moving people to other

that there were not many more children at the scene of the explosion, said community worker Gerry McCusker. "The original plan was for 14 floats of children to set off from where the bomh had been planted but we decided earlier on we At 3.11pm, staff at the Tyrone

County Hospital were put on an emergency footing and an appeal went out for off-duty doctors and murses to report for

Taxi drivers and motorists

Inside, doctors and nurses worked desperately to save the victims amid chaotic scenes. One woman was rushing around touching at the sleeves of officials and pleading. "Have you seen my boy? He's just a wee boy. He went out to the shops he hasn't been back." A nurse asked for the child's name and the woman replied: "He's my boy, he's my only son."

Father John Gilmore did what he could to comfort the in-

"There were people on the floors, mattresses and chairs. Some of the early ones were very badly injured. Some I anointed on mattresses on the floor. It is something I have

RUC officers vesterday examining the debris in the devastated small town of Omagh, where few can yet comprehend the scale of loss

3.10pm @ Bomb exploded

congregating in busy

Street and Dublin Road

Staff at Tyrone County

Hospital put on

never experienced before. "Every one of those people was a tragedy in their own right. When you think of how many, you have to think of the scale of the tragedy."

Dr Clive Russell and his team worked to the point of ex-Hospital were covered in blood. jured and their relatives. haustion as a steady stream of caused by shrapnel and flying Belfast. They included three his mum buying some trousers

victims arrived needing emergency treatment. The 148 people they treated ranged from babies and young children to pensioners. Two young children had leg amputations. One

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10-year-old victim lost a foot. When asked whether that victim was a boy or a girl, Dr Russell's fatigue became apparent. He paused for a while before replying: "I can't remember'

ULSTER'S WORST ATROCITIES

July 21 1972 IRA sets off 26 Belfast bombs. October-November 1974 28. Loyalists kill 22 in Dublin. Februery 17 1978

Twelve Protestants die in IRA fireball bomb at Ulster hotel. August 27 1979 Warrenpoint: IRA bomb kills 18 soldiers.

October 1984 Brighton: Five die when IRA bombs Tory conference hotel. November 1987 Enniskillen: 11 die in IRA Remembrance Day bombing. February 1996 Docklands: IRA blows up South Quay station. Two die. July 1998 Three children burn to death

glass. Some needing specialist treatment were driven or airlifted to other hospitals. Dominic Pinto, senior consultant surgeon at Tyrone County Hospital said that in "one or two" cases, staff had seen their own

relatives being brought in

among the injured. "Unfortu-

during Drumcree stand-off.

nately," he said, "one case was quite severe." Twenty-two of the most serious cases were treated at the

Spaniards who had been visiting Omagh on a student exchange programme. Two Spaniards were among the

Alastair Grant/AP

Gerry Carson, hospital spokesman, said: "We put our emergency plan into operation. There were helicopters landing in the car park until late into the

er ung _ack in Omagh, the local leisure centre was used as a casualty field hospital. Dozens of relatives waited outside as lists of those being treated inside were pinned to a noticeboard. When names were recognised. there was relief mixed with ap-

prehension over how serious the injuries would turn out to be. Priests, social workers, police, medical staff and local politicians offered assistance to those whose loved ones had died. Families who had been given bad news were often driven off by taxis whose drivers made their vehicles available to anyone needing transport to

omes or hospitals. Lindsay Hall found out that his wife, Gwen, and son Alastair, 12, had been caught in the blast. They were alive, but Alastair had lost one of his legs. Bewildered, he asked: "How could they do this to innocent, ordinary people on a Saturday aftermoon? Alastair loved playing rugby but he will never be able Most of the injuries were Royal Victoria Hospital in to again now. He was out with

the warning came. They came out of the shop and tried to get back to the car. If they'd stayed in the shop they would both have been killed. He's only 12. I'm 57, why couldn't it have happened to me?"

For others, moments of panic turned into relief as relatives were found safe and well Dartyl Simpson was separated from members of his family while panic mounted over their fate. "I ended up checking bodies trying to see if they were my ones," he said.

"It seems selfish talking about it now but it was all I could think about at the time. It was an anxious two-hour wait before we could establish where they were. All of our family, all nine of us, stayed together in the one bedroom last night."

The town woke up yesterday to grey skies and drizzle and a sense of disbelief. People gathered at the scene and shook their heads, appalled at the devastation, morbidly fascinated by the crater in the road and the barely recognisable remains of the maroon Vauxball

Astra that hore the bomb. The pavement was covered in dried blood. Among the wreckage were nappies, a mangled pram and a pair of chil-

Congregations for morning services were swelled by a need to share grief. More than 800 people squeezed into St Joseph's Hall next to the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart to be told that one of the victims was from their ranks. Geraldine Breslin, a young married woman, died from her

wounds early yesterday. Some sat weeping, others stared vacantly as Father Michael Keaveny said the atrocity had nothing to do with religion. "From the point of view of the people who suffered there was no distinction. Catholic and Protestant, young and old. there was no question of wanting to get one side rather

than another," he said. "The whole thing sounds so terrible, so stupid, so foolish, so senseless."

One parishioner, Patrick Darcy, said: "I feel diminished as an Irishman that other Irishmen could come to this town and scatter the blood of Irish men, women and children over these streets."

All day, politicians came and went, genuinely distressed by what they saw. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, John Prescott, his deputy, Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, and the Irish President, Mary McAleese, offered words of comfort, but there was nothing they could say to ease the pain.

Father Kevin Mullan, of the Church of Christ the King in Omagh, said he had worked through the night to counsel families and friends of the dead and injured. He gave the last rites to two people before they died. "I couldn't get over the number of dead. It was just awful" he said.

One man he comforted had lost three members of his family - his mother, sister and niece. "You just offer a shoulder to cry on and give them space to talk," he said. "You let them know they are not alone. You just cry with them."

He said families were being counselled when they came in to the Omagh Leisure Centre to try and establish details of missing friends and relatives. Those who it seemed had lost relatives were taken to a nearby army base where a makeshift morgue had been established.

One man whose brother had been blown apart told him: "Whatever is left I need to see it before he is buried. I need to see whatever is left, even just the bones. I need to say goodbye to whatever is there."

The missing young mother was my cousin

journalists, waiting to bear deputy Prime Minister John Prescott's words of comfort. or condemnation, when I treheard my name called.

It was Terry, a man I played with as a child. Terry didn't realise I was in Omagh in a working capacity. I felt strangely embarrassed as I explained that I was reporting. It was almost as though I was a voyeur in my home

bereaved relatives and anxions neighbours in the makeshift information cen-

friend and neighbour, Libby Rush, who was on the missing list - people didn't know if she was alive or dead. My pen halted in its headlong rush: did she have a boutique in the town called Libby's? I asked. He nodded. I went to school with her daughter. As This feeling of occupying a teenager I used to admire an arm injury.

a parallel universe emerged her impeccable dress sense. That's the

IWAS standing in the knot of again later as I interviewed Martina Devlin, born and brought up in Omagh, returned there as a reporter

> It got worse. Someone else mentioned the name of a young mother who had gone missing and I asked for her name to be repeated. It was my cousin. I rang home during a brief respite and learned to my relief that she was in hospital in Derry with

That's the scale of the

you hear of people with serious injuries and you thank God for their lucky escape. Distressing information kept interrupting me as I did my job, reporting on the explosion for the Dublin-based Irish Independent. It was difficult to ignore: schoolfriends, neighbours and rel-

25.000 people. One of the women killed is the sister-in-law of my first boyfriend and a picture of her carnage here in Omagh flashes into my mind. She's a mother, with a smile that lit up her face. I think of her family and I grieve for them.

even as I scribble her name in my notebook. My hrother's sister-in-law had 12 stitches to her head, another sister-in-law had a

death and destruction on

this scale in a town of just hies with their hair scorched off. These scenes are nightmare material for adults, never mind little girls. I stood in the leisure centre waiting for the arrival of

atives are all affected by my 10-year-old nieces saw

Ireland's President, Mary McAleese, surrounded by the familiar faces of childhood but they, were faces whacked with grief and misery. Omagh has become the

dismembered bodies and ba-

town with the single highest death toll in the history of the dead 17-year-old cousin, even

Blast killed 14 women and nine children

BY KIM SENGUPTA in Oniagh

OMAGH WILL be remembered as the bomb that massacred women and children, it became clear yesterday as the identities of the casualties emerged.

Fourteen women, five men and nine children met their deaths. They included three generations of one family: a woman heavily pregnant with twins, her mother and her 18month-old baby.

The dead boys included three from the seaside town of Buncrana, over the border in Co Donegal in the Irisb Republic, whose families had been playing host to a group of Spanish exchange schoolchildren; hosts and guests were on a visit to the Omagh carnival.

Two of the Buncrana boys were neighbours: Sean McLaughlin, 12, and Oran Doherty, eight. The third was boy was James Barker, 12, son of a solicitor whose family moved to Buncrana from England about a year ago. A 12-year-old Spanisb boy, Fernando Blasco, and one of his teachers, Rosia Abad, aged 24. both from Madrid,

also met their deaths. Four dead boys and three dead girls had been formally identified by yesterday evening: two other children were awaiting identification.

In all the carnage, the Grimes family bore the heaviest single toll. Avril Monaghan, 30, her 18-month-old daughter Maura, and her mother, Mary Grimes, 65, were on a shopping trip to Omagh when the bomb exploded and killed them all.

Mrs Monaghan, from the small village of Aughadarna, a few miles outside the town, Michael, and two daughters and a son, the oldest of whom is six. Mrs Grimes, a mother of 12, was from Beragh where her husband. Mick, is a farmer.

The Catholic Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop Sean Brady, who visited the families yesterday, said they were too tion and counselling for the be-



Injured casualties (above and below) are airlifted from Tyrone County Hospital to the Belfast Royal Hospital on Saturday after the car bomb exploded in the centre



er James is a priest in Whitecross, his archdiocese, the archhisbop said, adding: "The family are just totally devastat-

ed. They are just so shocked." Behind every death lies a devastated family. The Logue family's walk home in the rain, with a quiet dignity in their sorrow, was repeated many many times in Omagh yesterday. From the leisure centre, which has been turned into a place of informadistressed to speak publicly of reaved, to Tyrone County

walked, sometimes weeping, sometimes in silence holding each other's hands

The Logue family are republican and vote Sinn Fein. Brenda, 17, was a promising athlete and Gaelic football goalkeeper. On Saturday she was out shopping with her mother, Mary, and grandmother, Philomena. She went into Kells. a clothing store, when the bomb went off. Ber mother and grandmother survived, but Brenda was killed.

the leisure centre yesterday morning, said: "I knew all been blown out, no one could have survived that." Her older brother Sean, 20, cried as he

said: "I loved her to hits. Now

she is with God." It was no less terrible for families of those who had been maimed. Twelve-year-old Alastair Hall was out shopping with his mother Gwen for a pair of school trousers when the blast took place. He was taken to a

Her father Tommy, waiting at hospital in Loudonderry, where he is coming to terms with the loss of a leg. At the family home along. The front of the shop had his father, Lindsay Hall, produced a 1991 World Cup rugby jersey. "Look at this. Alastair loved to play, now he won't be able to do that again. For God's sake, he was only 12, I am 57,

why couldn't it have been me?" He has two other sons, both of whom were yesterday flying home. Michael, 21, is returning from Edinhurgh; Gareth,19, from the US.

Kevin Skelton is a widower at

sbe moved out of Belfast 20

peace process and the Good

Friday agreement. She told

one interviewer. "The whole

thing is just a re-structuring of

She told another: "Peace is

not what our people fought for.

They fought for independence." Criticising Sinn Fein leaders

Gerry Adams and Martin

McGuinness, she declared:

"False hope was generated by

some people. The message

sent out was that there was

light at the end of the tunnel for

British rule in Ireland."

the age of 43, having lost his wife Philomena, 39. She was out shopping with three daughters. trying to get one a school uniform from the Kells shop at the time of the explosion.

He said yesterday: "I saw my wife. She was lying on top of the wiped away the blood. Then I rubble, she was face down and could not see the eye, I think some of the clothing had blown she has lost it. I did not know off her ..." His voice faded.

After a while he continued: "I felt ber pulse, and knew she was dead. But I have had to wait for almost 13 hours to hear this

Mother and son comfort each other at Mass yesterday in Omagh after Ulster's worst atrocity in 30 years Anita Sharkey, 17, was at a dry-cleaning shop when "the whole place shook terribly". She recalled: "I saw a lady with blood all over her face. She a tea-towel to her face and

> what to do, what can you do?" Miss Sharkey, who suffered injuries to her shoulder, described bow the shop owner dragged curtains from inside to

use to cover-up the bodies.

'So many * injured I did not know where to start'



Pinto: 'Let me not see this sort of thing again'

BY JANE HUGHES

DOMINIC PINTO, senior consultant surgeon at Tyrone County Hospital, described yes terday how he was greeted by "scenes from a battlefield" when he arrived to tend the injured: "There were so many people injured one didn't know where to start. I am still trying to fathom out what makes people do this, t am saddened and lost for words."

Mr Pinto, who has worked at the hospital for 18 years, issued a plea to the terrorists to stop the violence.

He said: "It saddens me to think that people perpetrate such atrocity. I want to appeal to these people and say what have they gained by doing this? It is their own people that they are injuring and maiming.

"I appeal to them, let me not see this sort of thing again. It's dastardly.

Mr Pinto, like most of the medical staff, worked through the night to deal with the crisis. He said many hospital workers had relatives and friends among the casualties. He added: "One or two of my staff had their own children involved. Unfortunately one case was quite a severe incident."

Hospital staff were assisted at the peak of the crisis by medical workers from across Northern Ireland. A spokesman said that at one time there were 14 anaesthetists on site, although had blood on her eye, and I took . he had no accurate tigures for the total number of medical. nursing and support staff draft.

> Paramedics, GPs, volunteers, health workers and members of the clergy also did what they could to help. The spokesman said: "It was a marvellous response and one which we are extremely thankful for."

Who speaks for the Real IRA?

BY DAVID MCKITTRICK AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY

SECURITY SOURCES have been warning for several months that the Real IRA, the group of hardline IRA dissidents which is the chief suspect in the Omagh bombing, was becoming a very serious threat

It is much more menacing than the two earlier rebel groupings. the Continuity IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army, which have been intermittently attempting to sabotage the peace process since it began with the first IRA ceasetire in 1994.

Both the latter were regarded as a containable fringe of extremists, but in recent months the Real IRA has mounted a substantial terrorist campaign - and has now been joined by the two smaller

It was set up last October by the IRA's former Quartermaster-General, a man from Co Louth in the Irish Republic, who resigned in disgust after the second IRA ceasefire and took with him much of the IRA's bomb-making expertise and access to timing devices, detonators and substantial quantities of explosives. He has now been joined by perhaps 100 IRA activists who feel that the Good Friday peace agreement is a sell-out because it does not lead directly to a united Ireland.

The group is believed to have been responsible for a series of recent attacks, culminating in a 500lb car bomb which devastated the market

town of Banbridge in Co Down. Earlier in the month a Real IRA bombing campaign in London is believed to have been foiled with a series of arrests.



Northern Ireland are understood to have been intercepted

hy the Irish police so far this

In May following a mortar attack on a police station in Co Fermanagh, the group declared that it had appointed an "army executive" and that a "war machine is once again being di-

rected at the British Cabinet. Two names were yesterday on the lips of everyone in Ireland discussing the republican dissident groups: Bernadette Sands and Michael McKevitt.

Ms Sands, sister of Bobby Sands, the IRA hunger striker who died in the Maze Prison in 1981, is an unflinching republican extremist who last year founded the 32-County Sovereignly Movement, regarded by the security forces on both sides of the border as the Real

IRA's political face. Michael McKevitt, a wellknown republican sbopkeeper from Dundalk, who was shot in both legs in 1975 in a feud with the Official IRA, is her partner.

According to Ms Sands-

McKevitt, as she styles berself.

which she says has no associations with terrorism and is not even a political party, but rather a pressure group for Irisb independence. Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Con-

stable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said some months ago that be believed the head of the Real IRA was aligned to the Sovereignty Movement, or Sovereignty Committee as it was then called.

He added: "People very close to that committee have a military capability. have an expertise and knowledge that we would assess has been deployed in recent attacks. There is a knowledge and expertise there that could be brought to bear in terrorist attacks."

Sinn Fein's national chairman Mitchel McLaughlin said last night that police on both sides of the border knew who were responsible. "We are talking bere about a relatively small number of people who in all probability are guilty of what bappened yesterday," he said. He told BBC Radio Ulster:

years ago to Dundalk, where she runs a small business, and was largely unknown to the public until last year, when she stepped out from a background role to give regular media interviews. In these she often forecasts that republican violence will continue, though ber predictions are generally cast not in the form of threats but as statements of the inevitable. She and her movement are implacable opponents of the

Bernadette Sands-McKevitt (left), a republican extremist who last year founded the 32-County Sovereignty Movement and (right) her partner, Michael McKevitt

> spokesperson for a movement there are those, possibly very young and inexperienced and idealistic people who are being affected by the rhetoric of these people who we don't know, who

no ooe knows." Earlier this year, Ms Sands-McKevitt conducted an newspaper interview in mourning clothes, having just attended the funeral of a Real IRA member who had been shot dead by Gardai during an armed robbery in Co Wicklow.

She commands instant attention in Ireland as the sister of Bobby Sands. The hungerstriker, who was elected to Westminster while in the Maze prison, remains one of the republican movement's most potent icons and martyrs and a large portrait of him, regularly re-painted, is the most prominent republican mural on the Falls Road in Belfast.

His sister's argument is essentially that be did not die. after a 66-day hunger strike, for the sort of agreement which Sinn Fein has just accepted: "I can't see what they are doing as bombs destined for England or she is purely and simply a "The unfortunate reality is that Bobby died for," she said.

Fractured history of republicanism

that by acts like the Omagh bombing it can drive the British into the sea, is only the latest in a long line of hardline defectors from mainstream Irish Republicanism.
At the birth of self-govern-

ing Ireland in 1922, the Republican Movement split down the middle over the terms of the peace deal with Britain Purists committed to a Republic of all Ireland waged an internecine conflict with the moderates led by Michael Collins, the charismatic leader who had signed the peace treaty.

Collins said he had also signed his own death warrant and so it proved: he was shot dead in an ambush, But the moderates eventually prevailed, using far more ruthless methods than the British to smash hardline Republicans: 11,000 were interned and 77 executed in reprisals.

republicans and, if we held Another split occurred in hands, we would come through. 1926 when realists, who be-"But that wasn't true. I am firmly convinced we are being lieved that the Irish Republic conned. I believe the talks are could be achieved by anti-imperialist politics rather than a farce. There are those premilitarism, broke away from pared to compromise and that is totally wrong, totally wrong."

THE REAL IRA, which thinks BY TOM GALLAGHER

extreme Republicanism to form the Fianna Fail Party. Its chief Eamon de Valera. swept to power in 1932, and did not besitate to deal ruthless-

jailing and hanging them, and allowing others to die in futile hunger strikes. For over 40 years a shrinking band of diebards kept alive the fantasy of Sinn Fein and the IRA as the legitimate power Ireland, but after the ig-nominious collapse of a mili-

ly with Republican extremists.

tary campaign against the Unionist state in the 1950s, a surprising re-think took place. The by now tiny Republican Movement was steered by Moscow-leaning leftists towards social radicalism and

away from nationalism. Then the movement split again in the early 70s, between the Marxists, now the Official IRA, that eventually agreed a ceasefire with the British in 1972, and the Provisionals who still wanted to Tom Gallagher is professor of

struggle had reached an impasse. A Northero Republican group, led by Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison, decided to revive a moribund Sinn Fein and promote non-violent nationalism politically. When the 1981 Republican hunger strikes mobilised unprecedented popular support, they adopted a dual political and

military strategy. The morbid fear of politics subsided, and, by the early 1990s many military men were convinced a long war was unwinnable. The successful Adams-McGuinness partnersbip meant most backed the leadership's decision to negotiate with the British and the Unionists for powershar-

ing and amnesty for prisoners. If Sinn Fein names the hardmen, it is unlikely to lead to a split. The bombers in their madness killed Sinn Fein supporters in Omagh, and all Catholics could face Loyalist paramilitary reprisals.

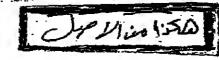
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Mandelson the 'brains' behind Labour

CLEVER CLOGS, Vulcans and By VANESSA THORPE those with "pointy heads" will never have much political credibility. But Peter Mandelson, well, he is in a class of his own.

Thia is the ruling of a jury of 12 Mensa members who have created a new PQ rating - or State for International Devel-Political Quotient, a cross between an IQ level and assessment of political acumen - to rank each member of the current cahinet

Billed by the elite club's panel as "the brains behind New Labour", it is Peter Mandelson who finishes well ahead of his parliamentary rivals. He scores an impressive 90 points out of a possible 100 PQ.

The Trade Secretary may "not be universally liked" by his colleagues in the Labour Party, but he is considered an astute operator, without being seen as a "pointy bead" (the term said to be used by Gordon Brown's spin doctor Charlie Whelan to isparage intellectuals).

Mr Mandelson is closely fol-

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, on 85 points, and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, on 75.

Others are not so highly valued. Clare Short, Secretary of opment, was downgraded for having "a mouth that is bigger than her brain". She earned only 30 PQ points and came joint bottom of the league with Nick Brown, the new Minister of Agriculture. Jack Cunning ham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Robin Cook the Foreign Secretary, only just managed to beat them with

scores of 35. The PQ league table, published today in the new edition of Mensa Magazine, was drawn up during secret deliberations by an anonymous jury of specially selected Mensan each of whom has an IQ of over

The 12 panellists included several captains of industry lowed by Stephen Byers, the and leading civil servants, HOW MENSA RATES THE POLITICIANS



Jack Straw

Intellectual ability: 7

of genuine conviction; his common aanse and decen cy come across.

Mensa says, and they set out to *Our jury took the view that assess each cabinet member some of the cabinet were too clever by half," explained purely on political performance, rather than on their Simon Clark, Mensa Magabasic level of intelligence.



Clare Short Political ability: 2

Political ability: 2 Intellectual ability: 4 Intellectual ability: S Mansa says: Responsible for Mensa says: Mouth is banning beef on the bone. biggar than her brain; lacks Now known as "Tha

Jack Cunningham

"It was not as scientific as an IQ allocation, but we asked

Mensa acknowledges that, each member to rate the politiwhile an individual's IQ rating will remain static throughout cian on ability and then on intellectual ability, before coming their life, there is some scope

Peter Mandelson

intellectual ability: 8

universally liked!

Mensa says: Tha brains

behind New Labour but not

for improving a PQ score. ale in the nearest salon bar," he "Robin Cook did not do that well writes. this time, but he may have learnt a lot over the last year. It is possible that next year he will score more than 35."

The chairman of Mensa, Noel Burger, said he believed his panel had been correct to assume that a powerful intellect was not the same thing as a good political brain.

"The more rounded a politician is, the more likely they are to be successful," he said "li also is not really all that important to be liked, and here we could look at the examples of both Peter Mandelson and Margaret Thatcher."

The new edition of the magazine also carries an article by Peter Mandelson's former aide. Derek Draper, who argues that sheer intellect or "pointybeadedness", will rarely be enough to secure political ad-

"In Britain the ambitious politico settles for a newspaper picture of himself drinking local

In contrast, politicians with less savoir faire, such as Robin Cook, the Lord Chancellor Derry Irvine, and even William Hague, are regarded with sus-

He suggests that the ability to dumb down, or at least not to appear too clever, is the key to smart politicking: "Welcome Jack The Enforcer' Cunningham, a man who learnt his trade among the shop stewards of Newcastle GMB, Peter Mandelson, a strategist with a keen intelligence, but not an intellectual, and John Prescott."

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The fact that Mr Draper was recently caught out boasting about his influence over New Labour does not seem to inhibit him from offering advice.

"Ultimately it is instinct common sense and, above all, hick which services the successful politician more usefully than any degree of grey matter," he concludes.

Tall toddlers 'more likely to grow into teen bullies'

TALL YOUNGSTERS who crave By John von Radowitz stimulation stand a greater than average chance of turning into classroom bullies and possibly even violent criminals, a controversial new study sug-

Researchers found threegirls, just half an inch taller than their peers tended to be unusually aggressive by the age of 11. The same was true of toddlers who were more fearless and stimulation-seeking than other children.

Earlier research has shown that the most aggressive children aged 11 have an increased olent criminals.

Dr Adrian Raine, of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, who led the study. said: "There appears to be a critical period in development. some time after age three but before age 11, when a child learns to use his physical advantage to aggressive ends.

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"Parents of tall toddlers - especially those who are very stimulation-seeking and fearless - need to take extra care to drive home the message that there are a lot better ways than physical force to get what you want in life."

Dr Raine, a clinical neuroscientist, measured the height and weight of 1,130 male and fe-Mauritus's Indians and Creoles. male three-year-olds in Mauritius, a racially mixed country with a low emigration rate. The toddlers were scored for would grow up to be a criminal.

stimulation-seeking behaviour - such as their willingness to explore toys away from their mother - and fearlessness.

When the children reached 11 their mothers were quesyear-olds, whether hoys or tioned about the degree to which their sons or daughters fought, swore, threatened or displayed "cruel" tendencies to establish an aggression scale.

It was found that children ranked near the top of the scale were generally half an inch taller than average when they were three years old.

Similarly the most aggreslarly stimulation seeking and fearless at the age of three. But weight was not as strong a predictor of aggressiveness as

The findings were published in this month's issue of the journal Archives of General Psy-chiatry. Dr Raine thought both physical and psychological fac-

tors may account for the trend. But the link between toddler height, or desire for stimulation, and later aggressive behaviour could not be explained by differences in family income parents' education, or any other aspect of a child's socio-economic background. The association applied equally among

However, Dr Raine warned against using the trend to predict whether a particular child



The Lowndes Arms, a favourite and discreet watering hole for the rich and famous, is likely to be turned into a private residence

Sir Alec backs campaign to preserve the celebrities' pub from £4m sale

Mink freed in repeat attack

mink? By the end of their first week on the run, many had returned to the farm from which they were released by animal liherationists and piteously begged to be let back in.

They evidently didn't reckon on the persistent nature of the truly committed animal activist. Yesterday, whether they Ministry of Agriculture said its liked it or not, the mink were liberated again.

Crow Hill Farm in Ringwood, to capture many of the same an-Hampshire, found a new section of the perimeter fence cut yesterday morning and 40 cages open. It is thought about 500 mink made off into the surrounding countryside.

For many this will be their second taste of freedom but life on the outside has not been easy. Of the 4,000 that initially escaped, it is estimated that around 2,000 are still at large, 1,000 have returned - either voluntarily or after being caught - and the rest have met their maker. The majority have been shot, but several have been beaten by shovels, watering rans and hockey sticks as a des-perate public fights to protect its pets and livestock from the

vicious predators. So far, oo one has claimed responsibility for the second raid, but the Animal Liberation

WHO WOULD want to be a By KATE WATSON-SMYTH

Front said it was behind the first. A spokesman for Hampshire Police said: "Whoever committed this crime is extremely foolhardy in the light of previous advice in respect of the damage to wildlife and local ecology." A spokesman for the staff, who were in the area trying to trap the mink released in A member of staff arriving at the first raid, now faced having imals a second time.



| Guinness: popular haunt

SIR ALEC GUINNESS drank By GARY FINN there because the darts players were "safe". David Niven used to pop in for his pre-prandial because there were no autograph

Tucked away in Chesham Street, in London's Belgravia. the Lowndes Arms has always been a favourite-and discreet -watering hole for the rich and famous.

Those who have propped up its bar include Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood, Tom Baker, Pierce Brosnan, Blair (Lionel not Tony), Helen Shapiro, Susannah York and Michael Crawford It achieved celluloid pub in that part of London." fame itself in the film The Cryina Game.

But property speculators Sir William Lowndes, for the

have other ideas. This casual stop-off for the parched celebrity, open for 250 years, is to be sold - as a bouse.

tag, the owner, Inntrepreneur Pub Company, has decided it can make more money from one straight sale than in the by its clientele.

Independent "I am very sorry mission without consultation to hear that the pub might be closed. I think it is the nicest

Completed in 1762 by the cofounder of the Bank of England,

Now Sir William's surviving mer landlords, the pub's cur-With a potential fAm price rent managers and more than 1,000 pub-goers, to save the bar. Campaigners point to a

covenant drawn up by Sir William thet prohibits any use fickle trade in ploughman's and other than as a shop or a lipints - a decision condemned censed victuallers. They accuse the current owners of Sir Alec Guinness told The rushing through planning perand of ignoring Sir William's

wisbes. One of Sir William's descendants, Simon Lowndes, said they may form a limited company as a campaign group to

breach this covenant.

cy but Lowndes Arms ia a stage we are unconvinced it has haven for those seeking com- any legal status."

oub that he bequeathed free to making device."

titions and protests have cut no

brickies that built Belgravia, it fight the closure. "What they ice with the owners, has served the area unbroken are doing not only goes against however. David Simpson, the memory of this great man spokesman for Inntrepreneur, who did so much for this coun- said: "It is a small pub and not relatives have lined up with for- try but also against the sancti- commercially successful. As ty of the law by seeking to for this covenant, that has only recently emerged two or three "Belgravia is, at the best of weeks ago. We don't think it has times, a very quiet, anonymous any validity and legal advisers place. It's prided for its priva- are looking at it but at this

> For Keith Matthews, who "If Sir William were alive makes the 200-yard daily stroll today he would be terribly dis- from his home for his pint, it will appointed at the thought of a be the end of a 33-year habit.

> He said: "Asking if the pub the community being meta- was open was as foolish as morphosed into a crude money- speculating as to whether the sun would rise tomorrow. But Threats of court action, pe-now it won't - it makes me very

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searcher at Oxford University

The Astronomer Royal, Sir

Martin Rees, said: "Although t

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and an expert on chemicals in

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male hormones, is also concerned about the risks to

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about what would happen when GM crops escape from fields -

Richard Horton, editor of

The Lancet, said: "I think these

should proper safety testing. like a drug, on unimals, and

Steve Jones, professor of genetics at University College

London, sald: "Nothing in life is

ever safe, but compared to

other things we have to worry

about - bacteria and BSE, say

came from Dr Keith McCullagh.

chief executive of British

Biotech, the pharmaceuticals

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cluding Waitrose and Iceland Watchdog sought, page 13

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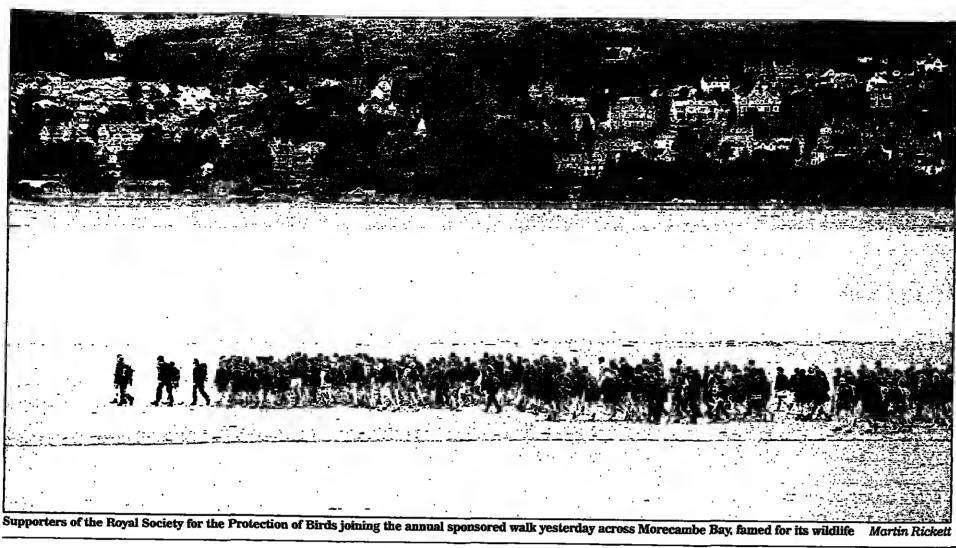
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Scientists worried by modified food risks

LEADING BRITISH scientists BY CHARLES ARTHUR are concerned about the risk to AND STEVE CONNOR the environment of genetically modified (GM) crops and foods Independent has found.

Some fear that genes inserted into crops to confer new traits could escape into the wild, or even affect human health in unpredictable ways. They suspect that the longterm experiments necessary to assess the risks have not been carried out

"I see worries in the fact that we have the power to manipulate genes in ways that would be improbable or impossible through conventional evolution," said Colin Blakemore, Waynflete professor of physiology at Oxford University and president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. "We shouldn't be complacent in thinking that we can predict the results

Gordon McVie, head of the Cancer Research Campaign, is also concerned. "We don't know what ... genetic abnormalities ally would not worry me a might be incorporated into the great deal. My concerns are genome [the individual's DNA]. I'm more worried about humans than about the environment, to he honest. One of the problems is that because it's a long-term thing, you need to do long-term experiments,"

David Bellamy, the botanist, condemned the commercial motives behind the "gene revolution". It would "disenfranchise poor people from their enetic inheritance and their lands", and he warned: "Supercrops and superweeds know no boundaries".

The Independent spoke to a broad range of scientists from a variety of disciplines, including biology, physics and as-tronomy, to ask them if they eat company. "The way in which they (GM foods) have been GM foods: if they have any modified doesn't introduce any concerns about GM foods and new hazard to human health. crops; and if they think the

The Women's Nutritional public is being well-informed. Advisory Service, which is op-

ter published in *The Independent* on Friday from Richard actively use GM products - in-Dawkins, the Oxford evolu- cluding Sainsbury's, Safeway tionary scientist, who con- Somerfield, Tesco, Asda, Buddemned "ignorant hysteria gens. Kwik Save and Spar. It also lists 47 firms that avoid gemany people to question the netically modified soya - the safety of transgenic products.

But The Independent's sur-



Non-stick ketchup runs out of the lab

A SCANNING technique for bead injury patients is helping to develop the perfect ketchup.

Magnetic Resonance Imag-ing (MRI) is used for body scanning, particularly to monitor brain activity. But for the first time, industrial scientists are adapting it to develop a tomato ketchup that can pour

without sticking. For most people, watching food travel around someone else's mouth is considered bad manners. But scientists are using MRI to scan the brains and mouths of people while eating to detect exactly how the food breaks up in the mouth and pinpoint its texture.

"This is the first time in the world MRI has been used in this way. We have adapted the technology to look at food and fluids," said Professor Laurie Hall, who leads the team at the Herchel Smith Laboratory for Medicinal Chemistry in Cambridge.

The way MRI works is to map the distribution of water molecules and the other sub-

By GLENDA COOPER Social Affairs Correspondent

stances around it. What the scientists are doing, both in examining the mouth and also in separate experiments pushing food through a pipe, is to map the distribution in margarine and then re-create the pattern by using fat substitutes such as polysaccharides. By re-creating the same pattern it ensures the texture or "mouth feel" of the food is the same.

The technique is also help-ing create a low-fat margarine that tastes like butter, which should be fully developed and on the shelves within two years.

"What we're doing is helping to create more healthy foods so that people can have a more healthy diet," said Professor Hall, who is doing the work with industrial giant Unilever.

In a similar - but slightly less health-conscious - experiment the scientists measure how much force it takes to propel ketchup down a pipe.

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Red fire lified engines brisks turning white

LIKE THE telephone box and By IAN BURRELL the bobby's helmet the red fire engine has become a national icon. But just as British Telecom has switched to new clear booths and police forces are experimenting with flat caps, so fire services are now painting their engines white.

The switch is based on research showing that the traditional red appliance turns black other emergency services." under bright lighting and is harder to spot in traffic than vehicles of other colours. It is involving fire engines and improve their response times.

One fire service has already switched to white and at least four others are preparing to follow. A report on white engines is being sent to the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers'

"If these white fire appli-ances prove successful it is fire chiefs, possible that other brigades will follow suit, resulting in the familiar red fire engines vanishing from Britain's streets," said Simon Hoffman, editor of

Home Affairs Correspondent

Scotland, the public has responded favourably to the in-

troduction of eight white engines earlier this summer. Gordon Kennedy, the deputy firemaster, said: "Hopefully we will now be more conspicuous This brings us into line with the

He said other fire services would be switching to white in coming months. Two Scottish hoped that the change will re- and several English services duce the number of accidents have been to see the Grampian vehicles with a view to changing their own fleets.

Mr Kennedy said that the region had a reputation for trendsetting within the fire service. Its decision to change fire uniforms from navy blue to mustard - so that chemical spills would be visible - has now been copied by many English

The red fire engine has been ingrained in the British consciousness through images ranging from the toytown brigade in the BBC children's programme Trumpton to the televised drama seriea

prospect of it changing colour colours and that red and grey is likely to dismay fans. But the are the hardest to make out. evidence in favour of dropping tradition in favour of practicality seems compelling.

Studies carried out by the Institute of Optometrists and the sensory information reaching Transport Research Labora- the brain was of visual origin tory at Crowthorne in Berk- and that lighter colours were shire have shown that white easier to pick up. It concluded

London's Burning. The and yellow are the most visible Similarly, research carried

out for the Department of Postal Services in the United other motorists when light be-States found that 90 per cent of

that green was the most difficult colour to see. In Germany, drivers of red vehicles have even been advised to put on their headlights sooner than

The country's first white fire engine was introduced by the Grampian fire brigade, which believes the new colour is much more conspicuous than red

One of the first people to become aware of the danger of red fire engines in Britain was Albert Leese, who was the chief

1960 and 1974. Mr Leese had noticed how invisible the appliances became under bright lighting and asked scientists from Coventry's Lanchester College to investigate.

fire officer in Coventry between

Working with Dulux, the paint company, they concluded that the colour of optimum visibility was somewhere on the

Coventry's fire engines were painted this colour. "It's not a pleasant colour," he admitted. It's a colour that when you look at it, it gives you a bit of a shock."

spectrum between lime green

But the colour change im-

volving fire appliances. Mr and yellow. Accordingly, Mr Leese wrote to the Home Office Leese ordered that the city of Fire Department, recommending that the colour change be taken up nationally; "They wrote back and said,

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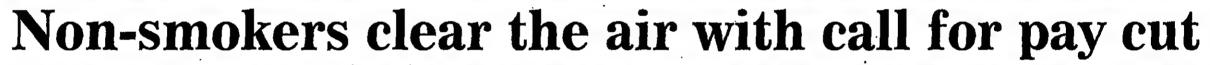
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Tire engines have always been red', which was a very scientific answer," be said, adding that proved response times and cut the engines had been painted the number of accidents in-



OFFICES AND factories have By JEREMY LAURANCE become hotbeds of smouldering discontent because non-smokers think their smoking col-

Smokers, already ostracised for their anti-social habit, could also be hit in the pocket if their tobacco-free colleagues have

Health Editor

their way. More than one in on cigarette breaks, the polling

survey of 2,000 workers for leagues are slackers, according three believes the pay of smok- Nicorette, makers of nicotine chologist at the National Ad- help them is to get them to quit. ers should be docked to com- chewing gum, admitted the diction Centre, London, said: That benefits everybody."

organisation Gallup has found. non-smokers believe smokers smokers with non-smokers ployers would do better to help

per cent voted for their own pay to be cut.

Galhin, which conducted the series of the smokers who were prepared to admit to being slackers.

15 per cent of the smokers who were prepared to admit to true that people are smoking rather than getting on with

Gay Sutherland, clinical psy-The survey showed half of between smokers and non-

their work but the hest way to

than provide smoking rooms or cent who said employers thinking on smoking policies force them to go outside. How-should help smokers to kick the and the accusation that smokever, nine out of 10 backed bans on smoking in the workplace, including eight out of 10. smokers.

cent of people thought em- loitering smokers and decaying commodated in the work place. with telephones and work stabutts gave their workplace a "The findings are out of step tions to allow employees to

and education.

motes equal rights for smokers,

habit by providing counselling ers take more breaks is unsubstantiated," said spokes-But FOREST, which pro- man Martin Ball.

He recommended compa-Even among smokers, 27 do less at work, compared with feeling the smokers are not people stop smoking rather bad image. There were 72 per with current management puff and work simultaneously.

Rail sub-contractors are 'cutting corners' on safety

RAIL PASSENGERS could be at BY PETER WOODMAN risk from engineering subcontractors "cutting corners" to finish projects on time, it was

disclosed yesterday. The fear was expressed after a survey of health and safety professionals in the rail

The survey also found that more than one in four of these health and safety professionals felt there was less commitment to health and safety in the rail industry than there was five

considerable concern," said Stephen Fulwell, head of techmical affairs at the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, which conducted the

The institution also discovered that almost one-third of rail health and safety professionals considered their status to be lower than it was five

"We have found that sharper commercial focus in the privatised rail sector, combined

sourcing of engineering projects, may be encouraging some sub-contractors to 'cut and budgets," the institution

Mr Fulwell said that his organisation, which represents Fulwell. 23,000 health and safety professionals, was also concerned that certain proposed safety measures for the industry, such as the withdrawal of old Mark 1 trains, which have limited

"We want to make sure, given the feedback from our members and the upward trend in corners' under the pressure of rail accidents, that rail compadelivering to tight deadlines nies and the franchising directorate are putting bealth and safety high enough up the cor-

Last week, the Health and Safety Executive disclosed that, excluding suicides and trespassers, 47 people died on the railways in 1997-98 - nearly crash-survivability, were first our year.

porate agenda," said Mr

Do you speak trainspotting?

BY GARY FINN

IT'S A rare glimpse into a secret world, one populated by "gricers", "festoons" and "bashers". The vocabulary hints at a covert society bound by arcane codes of conduct, but you will find its members everywhere - they are trainspotters.

Now one rail enthusiast has broken ranks and lifted the lid on the peculiar slang that populates platforms up and down the country.

Rod Wartington, a member of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line, has written about the sub-culture that obsesses fellow enthusiasts.

His glossary for the trainspotter is included in this month's issue of the campaign group's magazine.

Here is a pantheon where "gricing" (the trainspotters' term for their noble art) is home to "festoons" - older gricers encumbered with cameras, tape recorders and other

"The young number-takers take the mickey out of the people with the tape recorders," explained Peter Shaw of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle



'Bashers' enjoying a spot of 'gricing' bashers" and "line bashers".

ridicule the obsessive train Signals become "pegs" or number collectors ("bashers"). "sticks" and engines can be "Bashers" are further sub-"doughnuts" (see-through endivided by their devotion to difgine), "choppers" (with a sound like a helicopter) or "nodding ferent locomotives, trains or routes and carry the monikers The "Festoons" in turn of "steam-bashers", "wagondonkeys" (a bumpy ride),

Mr Warrington, 54, from Chester, said that the trainspotting ocuvre was taken very seriously by enthusiasts. "Some swear if you walk in front of their cameras. Others race trains by car. They are just

Mr Warrington's own vice is the Settle-Carlisle line. He said: "I diagnosed my problem as Settleandcarlisleitis, apparently incurable and regarded by unfeeling wives and partners not so much as an infectious bug but as a psychiatric compulsive disorder."

He added there was an increasing amount of jargon that even he had never heard of. "I was told that 'gricing' was now the correct term for what we would be doing Apparently trainspotting had become passé," he said.

Betty Kirkpatrick, editor of Roget's Thesaurus, said "gricer" had already made it to the dictionaries to indicate a railway enthusiast.

"It is the nature of all groups to have their own jargon," said Ms Kirkpatrick. "It's almost like being in a secret society and having passwords, words of acceptance. It's a vocabulary designed to exclude as much as it includes."

SIEMENS



Missing baby found alive after crash

A 13-MONTH-OLD baby who disappeared three days ago was yesterday found alive on a mountainside near the body of his devoted grandfather.

Liam Evans was found oear his grandfather Gwilym Evans's car, which had plunged 150 yards down a steep slope at a remote spot in north-west Wales, about 50 miles from Mr Evans's home in Colwyn Bay.

Liam was discovered sitting crying in thick ferns near the wrecked Vauxhali Vectra. He had survived the crash with only cuts and scratches and was flown to Glan Clywd Hospital, near Abergele, by police belicopter.

The body of 61-year-old Mr Evans, a retired police inspector, was found 20 yards further up the slope at the Horseshoe Pass, neer Llangollen, Police say that it is not yet known how he died.

Detective Superintendent Eric Jones of North Wales Police said it was possible that the car could have been hidden on the mountainside for two or three days. It was eventually found by a young boy from the Wirral who was on a day out in the area - a panoramic beauty spot that attracts hundreds of visitors a day during the sum-

As forensic scientists began to try to piece together a picture of what might have happened, Det Supt Jones said it was possible that Mr Evans had managed to get Liam out of the car before losing conscious-

"It would appear at this early stage of the investigation that it is nothing more than a tragic accident," he said.

"Liam has nothing more than a few scratches. It is remarkable how he survived." He said that there were

signs that the car had rolled

over. The straps on the car's child seat and the driver's seat belt were found unsecured and the driver's airbag had inflated. The spot where the car came to rest was hidden from the road, although police said the point where it left the car-

riageway could be seen.

BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH

Liam was found only hours after his parents pleaded for his grandfather to contact them and said his disappearance was totally out of character.

Ruth and Gary Evans said Mr Evans was devoted to the little boy and his three-year-old sister Sophia. They were at their son's bedside last night.

Det Supt Jones said the discovery of their son had been one of both "happiness and

"When I broke the news to both parents I think they were torn between elation and sadness," he said. "You can imagine the pressure the family



Ruth Evans in a press con-

have been under during the last four days."

Liam and his grandfather vanished on Thursday afternoon. Mr Evans and his wife, Barbara, were looking after him while his parents took Sophia to Liverpool's Alder Hey hospital, where she is being treated for coeliac disease, which means she has to follow a gluten-free diet.

During the afternoon, Liam became boisterous and Mr Evans told his wife he would take him out for a while so that she could prepare his food. Minutes later, Mrs Evans discovered they had gone out in the car.

When they had still failed to return three hours later she reported them missing.

A massive hunt was organised and more than 100 sightings were reported to police. who said they were baffled by Mr Evan's disappearance.

He had severe arthritis which made it impossible for him to walk long distances without suffering extreme

The only positive sighting was later the same day at a garage in Colwyn Bay, where Mr Evans filled the tank of his car with petrol.

A sighting of a man and a boy answering the name Liam was made later the same day in Criccieth, more than 50 miles south of Colwyn Bay, but it was not confirmed. Det Supt Jones, who worked

with Mr Evans before he retired in 1986, said be was a placid and quiet man. He was also said to be very

friendly and sincere and in all his time as an officer, had reacted well under pressure.

During his career Mr Evans earned 10 commendations and was a member of Special ference Dave Kendall/PA. Branch for a time.



Jail bill rises to £10m for 'transit' refugees

By Ian Burrell Home Affairs Correspondent

BRITAIN IS spending up to £10m a year jailing refugees who are being arrested as they pass through British airports on their way to seek asylum in the US. The asylum seekers are be-

ing held because American air. lines refuse to risk incurring fines by allowing them to board their planes with false papers. Last year more than 800 of

these traded refugees were jailed compared with fewer than a dozen four years ago. They are being charged with possession of false travel documents and sentenced to an average of three mooths in prison.

The trend, which is being linked with the 1995 introduction of carriers' liability legislation that means airlines are fined for carrying illegal immigrants, is revealed in a report today by the National Association of Probation Officers.

Some of those arrested were jailed for nine months, at a cost to the British taxpayer of about £20,000.

Harry Fletcher, the association's assistant general secretary, said: "Virtually all of them come from authoritarian countries, and the experience of British jails traumatises them further. It seems inhuman and a waste of taxpayers' money to prosecute these people." Most of the traded refugees - who are flown back to their country of origin after being released from jail in Britain - come from Iraq, Iran and Algeria.

They are among a record 4,664 foreign nationals being beld in British jails. The numbers have grown by 44 per cent over the past 12 years, a rate that surpasses even the exceptional growth in the incarceration of British nationals.

The association said that, although 1,000 of these prisoners were eligible for repatriation to their country of origin, only 17 were transferred last year.

The report, Foreign Nationals in British Jails, also finds significant anecdotal evidence that black foreign prisoners, particularly women jailed for drug otiences, are given much barsher sentences than white foreign nationals who have committed similar offences.

The report contrasts a series of female Caribbean cocaine smugglers, who are serving sentences of 10 years or more, with a French woman who received four years for importing 10 kilograms of the drug.

Mr Fletcher said: "Everyone that works in the system says that black foreigners get higher sentences than Europeans. Many foreign nationals in UK jails also had poor access to lawyers and translators, and were given little information about appeal procedures."

Jackson backs Blairite NEC hopefuls

GLENDA JACKSON, the minister for transport in London, will give her support today to the Blairite slate of candidates for the party's National Executive

The group running under the hanger of "Members First" were also claiming last night they had the support of Cabinet heavyweights Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, and Frank Dobson, the Health

Chief Political Correspondent

backing for the group, by chairing a press conference in London attended by the six candidates, follows reports that the leadership is "in panic" over fears that the left-wing Grassroots Alliance is better organised and will win more

The group, which includes the actor and gay rights activist Michael Cashman, will mount a counter-attack in the in-

stituency members.

This led last week to an attack on Liz Davies, a left-wing candidate, hy the party general secretary, Tom Sawyer over the conduct of the telephone ballot. Mr Blair's cabinet colleagues have warned the leadership to avoid having its fingerprints on the campaign by Members First to stop the leftwing slate.

The former Oscar-winning actress, who is expected to run

creasingly vitriolic battle for the for the position of Mayor of Lon-six seats on the NEC for condon next year, is seen as a porting them, said Mr Jones. who want to undermine the Grassroots Alliance to claim staunch support of Tony Blair's modernisation of the party. Her support for the group will be seen by the left as confirmation that Members First are being put up by the leadership to stop the left candidates. That was denied last night by the group's

press officer, Phil Jones. "Glenda Jackson is going to talk about the people who are in the party who support these candidates. She is going to say Robin Cook, David Blunkett "The main reason for the

press conference is to give the press an opportunity to show these people are not a bunch of Blairite clones. These are not the whole time.

"We have no problem with people saying these are people that Tony Blair would rather have than Liz Davies. I think the difference is between people who believe that on the whole the Government is doing a good

leadership, who never wanted Blair as the leader and don't

want him as Prime Minister." Mr Jones, the researcher for Ben Bradshaw, the gay Labour MP said Members First was set up at the instigation of a Labour supporter, who has been given a peerage hy Mr Blair, to implement the "party into power" strategy paper endorsed by the annual conference last year. "I don't think it is anything

to do with left versus right at all

Margaret Payne and Sylvia Tudhope. Several have strong trade union links.

Steve Richards.

they are a centre-left grouping

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we are just right-wing. Michael

The candidates on the Mem-

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man are: Diana Jeuda, Rita

Stringfellow, Terry Thomas,

Cashman is not right-wing."

Fizzy drinks blamed for swollen mouth epidemic

FIZZY DRINKS may be to blame By SAMANTHA POLING for the world's worst epidemic of oral Crohn's Disease, which has struck in the west of Scotland, researchers claim.

Dental experts believe an allergic reaction to carbonated drinks could be the cause of the outhreak of the incurable illness. Crohn's Disease normal-500 Scots, most of them children, have developed an oral form: 88 per cent of them live on the west coast of Scotland.

This compares with just 40 cases of oral Crohn's Disease in the United States.

Professor David Wray, professor of oral medicine at Glasgow Dental Hospital, told Scotland on Sunday that the disfiguring condition results in grotesquely swollen lips.

"The thing most striking is that the vast majority of them ly attacks the bowel but almost have the concurrent factor of a sensitivity especially to preservatives and flavourings.

"It is accurate to say that in terms of the prevalence of the disease there seems to be an epidemic in the west of Scotland compared to the UK and the

as there are only 40 in the whole of the US."

Researchers at Glasgow Dental Hospital believe it may be caused by an allergic reaction to preservatives found in fizzy drinks as well as bacteria found in milk. An extensive study into the

epidemic has been conducted and experts now say that people living in the west of Scotland have a genetic predisposition to developing the allergic reaction with leads to the oral disease. It causes swelling of the lips

over 400 patients here where- istic inflammation of the gums and a cobblestone texture on the inside of the mouth.

Recent studies show that children suffer bullying and psychological damage as a result of their disfigurement. Oral Crohn's Disease was

first discovered in 1969, although it was found only in patients who also suffered from the more common Crohn's Disease of the gut. However, the Glasgow scientists have found that only 80 of their 440 patients have the disease in both the gut and the mouth.

Doh! Duff beer costs £4,000

By Paul McCann Media Editor

THE CARTOON character Homer Simpson is such a worldwide cultural icon that cases of his favourite beer which has been banned by a judge – are changing hands at

up to £4,000 each. In the week that Homer was given his very own slab in the Hollywood Walk of Fame. it emerged that fans of the patriarch of The Simpsons are dealing in rare cases of his Duff Beer on the Internet.

Duff Beer was produced by the South Australian Brewing Company last year in homage to the world's most popular nuclear power-plant worker. It



Homer Simpson and the beer with rarity value

drinks, so 20th Century Fox, makers of The Simpsons, and Matt Groening, the cartoon's creator, took the brewery to court for trading off their show.



An Australian judge watched

several hours of the series and decided that Homer regularly consumed Duff Beer, often "in copious quantities". So brewery owner Lion Nathan was told to

The beer is now rapidly rising in price as it becomes a rarity. When it was on open sale, a case of 24 cans cost A\$15 (£5.60). Now a six-pack is being advertised on the Internet for A\$750 and cases for up to A\$6,300 each. One collector claims he can get A\$1,000 a can.

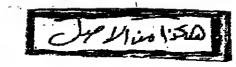
Homer's fondness for beer is well chronicled - one of his catchphrases is "Beer me". Roger Cooper, who offers beer for sale on the Internet, shares his passion: "I have a six-pack of Duff left unopened and the carton I bought the 24 cans in." On discovering its new value, he added plaintively: "I had a lot more but I drank it." To which

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Public misled on costs of Trident'

THE GOVERNMENT has been accused of misleading the public over the cost of Britain's nuclear deterrent to the tune of up to £1bn a year.

In its recent Strategic Defence Review Labour said Britain's "nuclear warhead programme as a whole" cost £410m, but anti-nuclear campaigners claim the true cost to the taxpayer is as high as

The gaping difference has been exposed by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in carry out for Labour MPs when

they were in opposition. William Peden, CND's Parliamentary researcher, said: and might be as high as £1.5bn. "Labour are quite clearly embarrassed to have inherited Trident yet done nothing to get rid of it, so they have decided instead to make it look inexpensive. They have missed out whole tranches of expendi-

night dismissed the claims, saying the costs were clearly published within the review. However, CND said they had been presented to voters in a less than transparent format.

In the review, the cost of the Trident nuclear submarine is put at £114m and the cost of the whole nuclear warhead programme at £410m. Mr Peden says this fails to take into account the means of delivering the weapon - Trident subs and all the other ships, planes and submarines needed to defend them, as well as the submarine bases and personnel.

The defence review says its it does not appear to include the and Polaris does not figure as cost of decommissioning the part of Britain's deterrent.

BY STEVE BOGGAN

nuclear submarines designed

Last December, Lord Gilbert, Minister of State at the Ministry of Defence, told the House of Lords: "The cost of providing, operating, maintaining and disposing of the Royal Navy's ballistic missile submarine fleet and its missiles is estimated to be some £530m in the current financial year."

This is on top of the Government's figure of £410m, the type of exercise it used to making £940m spent on all aspects of having a nuclear de-terrent. CND claims that even this figure is an underestimate

> The organisation argues that only proportions of the cost of bases like Faslane and Coulport are included in the Government's figures when without Trident they would have no purpose.

CND spokeswoman Louise The Ministry of Defence last Edge said: "We want the Government to come clean and give a line by line detailed account - one that reveals the total cost of Britain possessing and operating nuclear weapons and does not attempt to fox the public with clever accountancy techniques or sophistry."

The Ministry of Defence said the figures published in its review were the most transparent ever. A spokesman said CND was deliberately "misrepresenting" their meaning. He said that the higher figure quoted by Lord Gilbert included some residual costs from the decommissioning of Polaris, Trident's predecessor These estimates include "the cost of were not included, however, decommissioning weapons because the review was inwithdrawn from service". But tended to be "forward-looking"



Speciators and performers gather on the Mound in Edinburgh, showing varying degrees of interest in the Festival

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Political correctness is too late for St Joan

IT SEEMED like the moment that political correctness had finally caught up with the Ed-inburgh Festival Fringe. Children from Kirkcaldy High School presenting a play about Joan of Arc were told by the Fringe office that their piece contravened Edinburgh District Council rules on violence

And the Fringe office debroadcast scenes on the spe- cast. The other piece - you cial screen showing Fringe ex-know, the one where the cerpts in Princes Street woman is tortured and burnt Gardens. It had to "protect" the on the stake – is ruled to be Charles and Diana. public from disturbing scenes. okay. Confusing stuff, this po-

Only after teachers had dried the tears of their bewildered pupils did it emerge that the Fringe office had confused the children's play about St Joan, which they had entitled "The Lark", with another piece by the same name that was put on by the National Film School, which showed a woman being

So, the woman being heatclared it was not prepared to en is now banned from broadEDINBURGH DIARY

litical correctness, and not just last year but was cancelled hefor the dummies at the Fringe

Perhaps the most emotionally incorrect comedy on offer Parker Knoll. is Love on the Throne. This slightly surreal piece by the National Theatre of Brent is a sideways view by its two male performers of the romance,

It was to be shown this time would dare to perform on the a putting green. Tickets are ad-

director William Burdett-Coutts. "The anniversary falls cause of Diana's death. The jokes are many, perhaps the most memorable the one that on a Monday and Mondays have been programmed for resting days for the show." For makes Charles's mistress a sofa manufacturer: Camilla which I nominate Mr Burdett-

But it is nevertheless the case that the humour, written when Diana was still alive, is leavened by events and now. sticks in the throat a little.

sticks in the throat a little. verse-concession ticket being to attempt it again over the Humour is topical, not timeless. sold. Comedian Arthur Smith next decade. What happened? I wondered whether they is doing a site-specific show on He fell and a broke leg.

anniversary of Diana's death.

"Ah," responds the spokes-

woman for the assembly rooms

Coutts for a new Fringe diplo-

pounds if you're on expenses" "Break a leg" is the wellknown cry of encouragement in theatrical circles from backstage staff to performers. Best not to shout it though to Paul Merton when be does his first stand up act for 10 years at the festival. The Have I Got News For You star last did stand-up comedy here at the festival in 1988 and appears to have been Good to see the first re- too traumatised by the result

vertised at "One pound or ten

DAVID LISTER

BA gives a final warning to drunken passengers

AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS who disrupt British Airways flights are to be targeted in a "yellow card" warning scheme, it was announced yesterday.

BA is to launch a trial project in which final warnings will be issued to anti-social passengers in an attempt to reduce unruly behaviour, otherwise known as "air rage", which has increased by 400 per cent over the last

The notices, which warn disorderly passengers that fur-ther bad behaviour could lead to their arrest and being bable

BY IAN SHOESMITH

to any costs incurred by the airline, will begin worldwide from September.

Last month, a BA jet made an unscheduled landing in Tenerife after a drunken passenger attempted to force his way into the pilot's cabin during a flight from Rio de Janeiro

While excess drinking can lead to trouble, it is smokers who cause cabin crew the most problems. Smoking was involved in around 70 per cent of

BA's bargain operator, Go, was questioned by Italian police for allegedly refusing to allow his 148 passengers to leave the aircraft in Milan.

> thought to have been angered after none of the passengers on the flight owned up to breaking a no-smoking ban by lighting up in the lavatories, putting safe-

ment, hoped the warning prosecutions be made. He pledged his support for air crews to take a firm line, saying: "Cabin crew are usually the first in the firing line when it comes to dealing with air rage but they are certainly not alone

when it comes to tackling it." He added that BA supported Captain Bliss's actions, claiming that smoking in lavatories jeopardised a flight's

IN BRIEF

Lockerbie bomb trial hopes raised JIM SWIRE, a spokesman for the British relatives of victims of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing yesterday welcomed reports that a secret delegation from the Arab world had travelled to Libya to press for a trial of the two men accused of the outrage, which claimed 270 lives.

Banks brought to account

BANKS HAVE come under fire for "slap dash" treatment of customers after a review commissioned by ITV's World in Action looked at 45 personal, small business and mortgage accounts in the West Yorkshire town of Ilkley and showed 77 per cent had been overcharged. .

11 arrests in genetic crop protest

ELEVEN GREEN campaigners were arrested yesterday after genetically-engineered crops were uprooted from a field in Boothby Graffoe, near Lincoln. Three members of the GenetiX Snowball direct action group pulling 10 sugar beet plants from the ground at Sharpe's Seeds Ltd.

Robots' Atlantic flight nearly over

THREE TINY robotic aeroplanes, attempting the first unmanned flight across the Atlantic, are a pected to land on the Scottish island of Benbecula, in the Outer Hebrides, today from St John's in Newfoundland.

Teachers consulted over pay

SCHOOL HEADTEACHERS and deputies are to be questioned by the National Union of Teachers on proposals to change the way they are paid, including an extension of performance-related pay.

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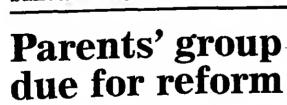
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A RESCUE package has been drawn up to reform Britain's largest and richest parents group after a damning Charity Commission report.

Members of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, which represents parents of children at 11,000 schools, will vote later this year on a set of measures to give the troubled body a new constitution.

Richard Hill of accountants KPMG, who was appointed the charity's interim manager in February, said: "The message I'm hearing is that the NCPTA must continue." The confederation was heav-

ily criticised by Charity Commissioners last year after an investigation into allegations of mismanagement. Commissioners had told the charity to carry out a complete strategic review, improve its links with members and re-

view its financial controls after

finding the organisation had no overall strategy or direction, was obsessed with secrecy and had been side-tracked by in-Reforms drawn up by Mr Hill involves holding elections for 10

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new trustees, each appointed

for a fixed term. Three or four more trustees would be appointed by the Charity Commission to bring expert professionals on to the

Ten new regional offices would also be created, each with a full-time official, to improve communications between national and local level. Details of the new constitu-

tion will be put to PTA representatives later this month. Mr Hill said a formal vote on the changes would be taken at the group's annual general meeting

The NCPTA is wealthy, with an annual income of around £750,000 from PTAs, which have subscribed largely for the in-surance cover it offers for events like school fetes.

Margaret Morrissey, NCPTA press officer, said: "We were still very much a little PTA group which had become a national body, but we did not have the mechanisms to manage it. This will put us on a more businesslike footing.

the 260 serious incidents safety, security and environrecorded by BA last year. This was highlighted three scheme would carry weight in weeks ago when a pilot for courts around the world should

Captain Brian Bliss is

David Hyde, BA's director of

Grand Jury: America holds its breath as the US leader finally testifies over allegations of adultery and perjury

Clinton faces his moment of truth

THIS AFTERNOON William Jef- BY MARY DEJEVSKY ferson Clinton is due to become the first President of the United States to testify before a grand jury in defence of his own conduct. It is an event not only without precedent, but fraught with risk - for his presidency, for his political legacy, for his reputation, for his family.

Washington's establishment. including the mainstream meipating Mr Clinton's testimony for the hest part of a month. From the time he enters the White House Map Room to begin his evidence on closed circuit TV to the court, to when the addresses the nation (as he is fully expected to do), the political world will he on hold.

The White House has been in crisis mode for three weeks, since the former White House trainee, Monica Lewinsky, agreed terms with the independent prosecutor. Kenneth Starr. for giving her version of her relationship with the President

Few, if any, White House staff have been privy to the President's thinking Partly this is because it would have exposed them to the risk of being called to account hefore the grand jury. It is partly also because Mr Clinton is not in the habit of confiding in others on such matters, except perhaps his wife.

As the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, said soon after the first allegations broke, the relationship must be "complicated", why else would be not have explained it? Some 70 per cent of Americans now tell pollsters that they believe Mr Clinton had an affair with Ms Lewinsky, and lied about it. That number has risen steadily since January.

Until now, an only a slightly smaller majority (63 per cent) have said they approve of how Mr Clinton is doing his job. Depending on bow Mr Clinton testifies, that public support could change. The media consensus is that if Mr Clinton goes back on his earlier denials, the reaction may be unpredictable. "It could alter the President's wbole relationship with the American people," said one

Lewinsky matter date back to be a very serious offence" if "a sworn testimony be gave on 17 President" were proved to have January to lawyers in the sex- had an adulterous affair in the ual harassment case brought by former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones.

While hedging and fudging most of his replies, Mr Clinton expressly denied a sexual relationship with Ms Lewinsky. Four days later, the American media published allegations. then transcribed excerpts from tape-recordings, claiming Ms Lewinsky had had an affair with the President. Twice in the next week. Mr Clinton used TV to tell America that there

cent days suggests this option is closed. A denial before a federal grand jury that was subsequently proved to be false would put Mr Clinton on a direct route to impeachment

Jones case. Opinions differ as to whether that would be serious enough to warrant impeachment proceedings.

The favoured option seems to be a middle way steered between admitting some form of relationship and denying perjury. This might let him off some legal books, but the political - and private - difficulties

How would American public opinion receive such a partial admission in the light of his televised: "I did not have sexual relabons with that woman, Ms Lewinsky". "Sex is sex," said Ann Lewis, the White House communications director, after the first allegations broke, and Americans seem to agree. They might find legalistic definitions of what constitutes sexual relations more off-putting than a direct confession.

Mr Clinton's difficulties in the said in January that "it would

What Mr Clinton says today, and how America reacts tomorrow, will determine his own, and the country's future.

in Washington

had been no sexual relationship. Today, Mr Clinton must face the same grand jury - 23 randomly selected individuals, of whom most are reported to be women and black - that has already heard evidence from his staff and Monica Lewinsky. The most obviously safe option, perdia, has been feverishly antic- sonally and for his presidency. would be for him to stick to his earlier denials of a sexual relationship with Ms Lewinsky. That only works if the denial was true, and/or if there is no evidence to contradict it. All the twisting and turning from White House "sources" in re-

> This leaves him with having to decide how much to admit, and bow. A dramatic outpouring of guilt and repentance appears to have been rejected. However kindly disposed the American public might be to a penitent President, a confession would leave Mr Clinton open to a charge of perjury relating to his testimooy in the Paula

would remain.

Hillary Clinton could also be embarrassed because she White House, and lied about it.

This is why, despite the American public's professed distaste for the Lewinsky saga. the affair known as "Zippergate" cannot be laughed off. Those who draw judicial comparisons with Watergate and political parallels with Vietnam are not exaggerating.

Clutching a bible, President Clinton arrives for church in Washington yesterday with his wife Hillary Longest day of the President's life

SHORTLY BEFORE 1pm today. Bill Clinton will walk across to the White House map room. On the wall, a map shows Allied troops encirching Berlin in April 1945. This is where President Franklin Roosevelt would check the progress of the Second World War, it is where the US President will give his testimony.

The President will be joined by three legal advisers: his private lawyers, David Kendall Leading article, page 3 and Nicole Seligman, and his BY ANDREW MARSHALL

White House counsel, Charles Ruff. Along with his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, they have formed his inner circle in the past few weeks. Lawyers are not normally allowed in the room during grand jury probes, but an exception has been made in this case.

On the other side of the room will be Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, and

some of his staff. They will probably include Jackie Bennett, his chief deputy in Washington, and Robert Bittman. day-to-day manager of the Lewinsky investigation. Mr Starr will probably leave the

questioning to his aides. Mr Starr's team will ask questions for between three to four bours. They have said that this will be the only session with the President, so everything must be cleared up in one afternoon.

The questions and answers will be recorded by a video camera, and sent down a fibreoptic cable. This will be scrambled, of course, so that no one can intercept them on their way to the grand jury room, a few blocks away at the Prettyman court bouse. The jury will not be allowed to ask ques-

tions as they have been in previous testimony. The timing may well overrun. It is unlikely to be much before six o'clock that the

President returns to his own office. It is then that he must decide whether or not to address the nation. If be wants to, then prime time - between 7pm and 8pm - would be possible. So some time around midnight in London, the President may appear before the cameras to explain what be

has always promised he would. He would probably not speak for more than 10 minutes, if the decision to appear

Tawdry history of sex in the White House

BY MARCUS TANNER

WHEN IT comes to sexual indiscretions, Bill Clinton may have scored higher than most presidents, but his conduct has differed only in degree from that of most of his White House predecessors.

A selection of American presidents surveyed in the Washington Times newspaper shows all of them merited a black spot on a scoreboard of sex crimes that range from the use of prostitutes and fornication (defined as sex with an unmarried woman; through to much more heinous nusdeeds. such as group sex or being linked to the "unusual" death of

a lover. The republic's founding father, George Washington, receives only one black mark for the crime, mild by the lax standards of the eighteenth century, of adultery. Thomas Jefferson, a relative libertine, on the other hand, was awarded four, for mistresses, fornication, 'adultery' (sex with a married women) and fathering llegitimate children.

America's presidents in the nineteenth century were, by and large an obscure group of men, who seem to have made up for low profiles by indulging in pecadillos, Grover Cleveland – not a name much bandied about now - earns four black marks, for mistress, prostitutes, fornication and illegitimate children. Though not on the straight and narrow. the presidents of the last century were, it seems, straight: James Buchanan was the sole American president in the entire list to stray into the column denoting bomosexual affairs.

The private lives of US leaders in both centuries pale into insignificance compared to those of our own era. After the ie years of Roosevelt and Eisenhower, the number of black Johnson and Clinton.

Clinton gets seven marks for, among others, having a mistress, using prostitutes, fornication, sex with White House Staff, group sex ... narrowly beating Johnson who did not, as far as the newspaper knows. have group sex. But even Clinton and Johnson fall short of JFK's awesome tally

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The trials of a Southern state still haunted by its racist past

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Hattiesburg

THE CEILING fans are turning slowly in the Forrest County Court House, stirring the dustladen air with its scent of old documents and floor polish. It seems a tranquil place. Yet this room, in the centre of the old Mississippi town of Hattiesburg, has witnessed pitched battles in the war between the state's white supremacists and black citizens who simply wanted their rights.

Today one of the last chapters in that war will unfold when the trial of a white-haired. grandfatherly old man opens in Hattiesburg.

Sam Bowers is accused of murdering Vernon Dahmer, a civil rights worker, in 1966. He has been in this court before, charged with the same crime. But no jury would convict him - not in a courtroom that flies the Mississippi state flag with its Confederate cross in one corner, not bere, where the memorial to the Confederate dead stands proudly outside on Main Street, just down the road from the Masonic Temple and the Methodist church.

This time it may be different. Mississippi has changed a lot in 30 years. The jury will be selected today, and it is unlikely to be an all-white body, as it has been before. Nor will he face a judge who, like those who have sat in judgement in the past is essentially in sympathy with a man who was once the Imperial Grand Wizard of the White



Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. family were able to escape, but important to go through the But there are still some people in town who do not see why the case should be exhumed, who called the local paper, the Hattiesburg American, after it ran a special report and asked why

it bad bothered. It bothered because Vernon Dahmer wanted nothing more than to help black people to vote. For that crime, be was hated by white supremacists. He always suspected they would come to get him, especially after his friend Medgar Evers, who also worked for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peo-

One night, they came for Mr Dahmer, fired at his home at Kelly Settlement and threw Molotov cocktails into the tently on a Camel Light as he bouse. He fired back and his outlines the reasons why it is murder." Of course, "there are

he died in bospital the oext day.

Sam Bowers was arrested for the murder, along with others; but four separate juries could not decide on his guilt. Four other Klansmen were tried and convicted, but the Imperial Wizard himself was not. The case was buried for nearly three decades, only to be reactivated when a new District Attorney was elected.

In the District Attorney's office next door to the courthouse. Bob Elfrich, the assistant DA, sits in an office all but submerged in documents: faxes, scribbles on scraps of paper and neat summaries on vellow legal pads line every sur-

Mr Elfrich pulls intermit-

case all over again. "My Dad died when I was t2 years old," be says. "I think of him almost daily, when I'm driving in my car, or whatever. I can't imagine the things that are going through the minds of the Dahmer family. They saw their father, with the skin burnt

Beyond any personal feelings, this is part of cleansing the name of a state which for decades was synonymous with racism, savagery, injustice. "The Klan is what gave Mississippi the bad reputation. But they do not represent Mississippi then, or now. They are a small number of people." But. he says, "It's a side of Mississippi that has to be resolved.

don't want it opened up. But it needs to be done." He falls silent again, and taps the asti off his cigarette.

Sam Bowers was, is, a very hright man, different from many who wore the boods and carried the hurning crosses. "The typical Mississippi redneck doesn't have sense enough to know what he is doing," he once told a supporter. "I have to use him for my own cause and direct his every action to fit my plan." His group was one of the most violent in the country. It was not just a racist group; it was a well-organised terrorist gang.

There is new evidence against him: one new witness wbo was there, and another who has recently appeared on the scene.

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Two other men were arrested with Mr Bowers: Charles Noble, 55, and Deavours Nix, 72, who is fighting lung cancer. "As ironic as this sounds, he was complaining because he has lung cancer and the radiology burned his lungs up." said state Attorney General Mike Moore. "Guess what? That's exactly how Mr Dahmer died. If convicted, each faces life - which means 10 years. For Mr Bowers, 73, that will be life.

Some in the civil rights community are sceptical, however. saying that whatever they may think of Mr Bowers, he may not get a fair trial. Besides, they say, what about the crimes that continue, and which the law enforcement agencies do not



rebel army advanced from the

The United States closed its embassy at the weekend and flew its remaining staff out of the country. France said it did not plan to close its diplomatic mission, but has been arranging evacuations for French and other foreign citizens.

A French government air-craft carrying 187 people flee-ing the fighting arrived in Paris yesterday. Another 180 Belgians also flew out of Kinshasa. Some 350 Lebanese most of them women and children, arrived at Beirut airport. About a hundred other foreigners flew to South Africa. An unknown number of foreign nationals crossed the Congo David Guttenfelder River by ferry to Brazzaville,

The government of President Laurent Kabila announced that it was securing bases in the east of the former Zaire to attack the rebel forces, apparently composed of ethnic Tutsis backed by the Tutsi-led state of Rwanda

The President himself, however, has almost certainly joined the exodus from the capital. The latest reports said he was now in the southern city of Lubumbashi, a stronghold from his own days as a rebel leader before he overthrew President Mobutu Sese Seko in May last year.

Rebel leaders at a rally of 4,000 supporters in the eastern town of Bukavu at the weekend declared they were heading towards Kinshasa, "Kabila

should quit power, or we will capture him alive." one of the rebel commanders was quoted as saying. The rebels said their forces were now only 95 miles east of Kinshasa.

Foreigners fleeing the capital dismissed government claims of repelling the rebels' advance. "Kabila's forces are very nervous," Arnold Roeder, German, said at a South African air base at Pretoria "It looks like the rebels have a great chance to take over

Kinshasa. Kabila's forces look The rebel advance has created a climate of hysterical suspicion in Kinshasa, aggravated by newspaper and radio reports accusing France and the US of engaging in a sinis-ter plot to destabilise the coun-

try and reimpose colonial rule

in the former Belgian posses-

at the weekend waved anti-American placards and some vented their fury by attacking foreigners in the streets. The uprising in the east of

the Democratic Republic of Congo is linked to the genocide perpetrated against neighbouring Rwanda's Tutsi minority by the Hutus in 1994. The slaughter hrought a Tutsi-led government to power in Rwanda, which has proved militantly determined to strike at its Hutu enemies both in and out-

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side the country: Mr Kahila was brought to power in Kinshasa with Tutsi support, from Rwanda and from Tutsis in the east of Congo. A year on he has grievously disappointed his former backers, partly through his failure to halt continuing Hutu incursions into Rwanda. Now the Tutsis seem determined -

Serbs crush separatists' last bastion

SERB FORCES overran the last By ISMET HAJDARI stronghold of the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) at Junik yesterday, in what appeared to he the culmination of a military offensive launched last month against ethnic Albanian separatists,

Junik, near the border with Albania, was the organisational, logistical and weapons distribution centre for the KLA. which is fighting for independence from Serbia.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug announced the fall of Junik, 50 miles west of the re-



gional capital Pristina, after almost two weeks under siege. The report said KLA fighters tried to escape to Albania but were blocked by Serb army border guards and had "dispersed" into mountain forests.

Serbian reporters who got into Junik said up to 1,000 Kosovo fighters were believed to have been based there, with several hundred civilians. The village was allegedly deserted

hut oot seriously damaged. On the main road linking the towns of Pec and Decani, near Junik, a huge column of Yugoslav army tanks could be

Women praying for peace at a church service in Kinshasa yesterday

seen with triumphant soldiers sitting on top of their vehicles. giving the Serbs' traditional

three-fingered salute. For several weeks, government forces have been driving the KLA from one stronghold after another. Their gains, however, have proved difficult to maintain. Once the Serbs move out, the Albanian fighters, sometimes still in uniforms with KLA emblems, tend to

move quickly back in. Albanian sources in Pristina said that in spite of the recent feats, the KLA would re group, reorganise and continue the armed struggle against President Slobodan Milosevic's government in Belgrade. Kosovo's borders with Macedonia and Albania are lightly pa trolled and weapons filter in from both countries.

The pro-Albanian Kosovo Information Centre claimed that fighting was continuing yesterday in Logia and heavy artillery had destroyed part of the village. Government forces were said to have attacked with tanks and helicopters.

"It's all a very alarming picture," said Kris Janowskia, a spokesman for the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees. He said they were concerned about reports of a Serb attack on woods around Decani, where about 20,000 displaced Kosovo Albanians were believed to be camped.

The latest Serb offensive quashed hopeful speculation that Western-mediated peace talks between Belgrade and Kosovo Albanian parties might begin this week.

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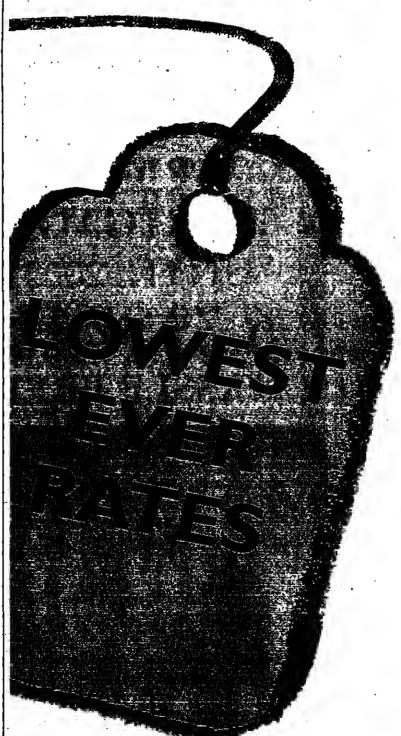
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Swedes hunt for monster in lake

A TEAM of hunters began a search of Sweden's Great Lake yesterday for a creature said to have inhabited it for at least 360

Fifteen vessels carrying researchers and six divers set off from Ostersund, in Jamtland County, central Sweden, equipped with an underwater video camera and echo equipment, hoping to solve the centuries-old mystery. The town of Ostersund, 370

on the banks of Sweden's fifthlargest lake, has been puzzled hy reported sightings of a horse-like, or snake-like, creature in the Great Lake. The sightings, resembling those of the Loch Ness monster, have been reported on 150 occasions by 450 people. They

started in 1635 when a local

miles north-west of Stockholm

clergyman mentioned the creature in a parish register. The frequency of sightings rose throughout the 19th century; in 1894 a group from Os-tersund set up the "Company to Capture the Great Lake Monster" to trap the animal, using as bait pigs and live

BY BELINDA GOLDSMITH in Stockholm

calves. King Oscar II, known for his interest in scientific phenomena, became involved and contributed funds. There are no records of success, however.

The project spokesman, Anders Brattgra, said this year's effort was by far the largest and involves a British specialist Adrian Shine, who has hunted the Loch Ness monster for at least 20 years.

Little is known about the Great Lake of Sweden, which is very large and very deep. Often locals discover rare fish of up to three feet or more in length. "If we have no luck this year we will organise another search, an even bigger one, next year," Mr Brattgra said.

Some reports have suggest ed a large eel, about 10 feet long and three feet wide, while others report a large snake of up to 46 feet with a small, dog-like head. In 1986, the county administration of Jamtland declared anyone trying to capture, injure or kill the mooster could be prosecuted.

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Victims go home to grieve

BY MARY BRAID in Githima

DAWN WAS breaking as Noah Kimani arrived, flanked by his brothers, to collect his wife Jeri and take her home. Nairobi's Chiromo Mortuary, heavy with the stench of death, was already crowded with the bereaved, all waiting for bodies. The funerals for the 257 victims of Nairobi's terrorist bomb have just begun.

The Kimani men put on a brave face for the sake of Noah's little girls. Outside with their aunts, Sheila, eight, and Lynn, four, looked bewildered in new, white, frilly dresses.

Sheila had been "prepared" by a church counsellor to accept her mother's death. She was finally told Jeri had gone to heaven on Wednesday, five days after the bomb, meant for the US embassy, ripped through Ufundi House, a neighbouring four-storey office block. Among the victims were Jeri and 12 colleagues from an insurance company based on the top floor

Sheila's moods have swung ever since. She cried until her aunts and uncles were beside themselves. Yesterday she was smiling shyly at the muzungu (white person).

As a masked mortuary attendant, plastic apron slapping against black wellington boots. allocated the smashed and burned bodies to their coffins, one of Mr Kimani's brothers said: "Yesterday, Lynn she asked. Where is mummy?"

Telling the elderly was as hard as telling the young. Jeri's father, seriously ill in a Nairobi hospital, was devastated by the death of the daughter who

visited him every day.

As the rich loaded coffins into funeral cars yesterday and the poor made do with borrowed pick-ups and even roof racks, it seemed as if no Kenyan considered Nairobi home. Jeri, like everyone else, was going "up country", back to

her people and her rural roots. It took two-and-half hours along Kenya's cratered roads for Jeri to reach Githima, a muddy, ramsbackle town northeast of Nairobi, where barefoot women barter vegetables for clothes and a car still means almost unimaginable wealth.

To the villagers, Jeri, 30, and Noah, 32, and the Nairobi friends who followed the funeral procession, are rich people.



Bomb casualty Phaedza Vrontomitis, who worked at the US Embassy, is buried in a cemetery near Nairobi

But in Kenya, poverty is always the wolf at the door. In the mortuary car park, some vehicles arrived with furniture tied to their roofs. "With the breadwinner gone these are the people who cannot afford to stay in Nairobi," one driver said. They, like the dead and the

furniture, must go home." Jeri, a secretary, was also a breadwinner. Noah, from a poorer background, has no regular job. Jeri's salary allowed him to send something back to Githima. Financially, Jeri's death will hit a vast extended family. "We'll struggle now," said Nosh, a round-faced, gentle man. "But I will try other side they came together, like a scene from the Old Testo keep the girls with me in

The peasants of Githima may overestimate the wealth of those who moved to Nairobi but when the prodigals return the villagers turn out in force.

"They feel sorry for us," one of Jeri's Nairobi friends said. They say we only come back with bodies," As the wheels of smart cars spun in thick mud on the track to Noah's parents' plot, almost 1,000 villagers made their way on foot across the hill that separates the Kimanis from Githima.

In the middle of the crowd was Jeri's coffin, decked with

carnations and her picture in a frame. Eight years ago she stood here and married Noah. Death, like marriage, was a community affair Friends and family had clubbed together to On a steep incline on the meet the fimeral bill. Neigh-

tament. Women in tattered

skirts and men in threadbare

suits lined grassy terraces sur-

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hear clergy preach in the

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manage the girls," said Jeri's sister Helen. "He loves them so much but a mother's love is always ... " she trailed off.

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God's greater purpose, Noah

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dabbed his eyes. "I hope be can

Then the singing began, so

marry too soon.

When it was time for Jeri's coffin to be lowered into the rich, red soil at the bottom of the family compound, the sound of her sisters crying drifted back for Islamic extremists.

Anthony Njuguno/Reuters

up the hill. Inside her grandmother's house Sheila became hysterical "I want Mummy," she screamed.

In a bare, dark bedroom Noah sat, drawing on a cigarette. "It is the children," he said, as if he had to excuse the break in composure. "It was a bad thing the bombers did to us." ■Tirana— The United States began evacuating non-emergency staff from Albania yesterday after temporarily closing its embassy in response to the twin bombings in Africa. The State Department said it feared the embassy might be a target

Fears for Fossett as balloon loses contact with base

MILLIONAIRE balloonist Steve Fossett lost contact with his control centre while over the South Pacific last night, amid fears that he might have gone down in the water.

Fossett was in the 10th day of his attempt to be the first to fly around the world non-stop in a balloon. His last reported position was 500 miles northwest of New Caledonia and about the same distance from the Australian coast.

At the weekend, the Chicago financier broke his own earlier record for distance travelled in a balloon when he reached the halfway point in his circumnavigation attempt.

As the 54-year-old millionaire flew over the small beach town of Geraldton, Australia, he was seen poking his head over the gondola to view the last continent he will cross before heading across the Pacific Ocean towards South America.

Fossett then told mission control in St Louis it was going well. "I was very worried over the Indian Ocean, that I would be caught and captured by the high-pressure area and never be able to get out of it," he said.

His ground crew burst into applause on learning he had travelled 10,480 linear miles. breaking his own record of 10.360 miles set in January 1997. This is his fourth attempt to circumnavigate the word.

A balloon has no way to pronel itself or steer, and moves by climbing or descending into winds going in the desired direction. That makes the meteorologists on the crew vital to the flight's success,

Fossett has communicated with his crew by e-mail, using a computer that transmits to a satellite, getting immediate reBY JASON STRAIT in St Louis

ports on how to avoid winds that could blow him off course.

Earlier, Alan Blount, director of mission control at Washington University in St Louis, said although the trip was going well there was concern Fossett might run out of oxygen before making it to South America. from where he took off eight days ago. However, it was thought the balloonist would have enough to finish the quest. which was expected to take at least six more days.



Fossett: Fourth attempt

To circle the globe officially. Fossett must land anywhere east of Mendoza, Argentina, from where he lifted off on 7 August. He has some way to go before he breaks the record for the longest-lasting balloon flight. That record, of nine days, 17 hours and 55 minutes, was set in January by a Swiss pilot, Bertrand Piccard. He was forced to abandon his round-the-world attempt when China refused to let him cross its airspace.

Fossett had said that if he was successful, he would donate half his \$1m prize to Washington University.



Journey ends at scrapyard for 80,000 Ambassadors

CITY LIFE

NEW DELHI no longer has stop lights. Busy intersections have "relax lights" instead. where each red light is painted over with the word "relax".

When ordered outright to stop, obstinate Delhi drivers used to carry on honking and jockeying for position. Most taxi drivers would just shut off their engines in an attempt to save fuel at the lights.

But in spite of the laid-back traffic instructions, cab drivers in the Indian capital feel anxious. A government anti-pollution campaign will soon banish all commercial vehicles older than 15 years and that will hit Delhi's fleet of Hindustan Ambassador taxis hard. More than 80,000 are destined for the scrapheap.

Most cabs look far older than they are because the Hindustan Ambassador comes off the assembly line with a chassis virtually identical to a 1954 Morris Oxford II. The seats are like your gran's sofa. On many, the springs have sprung because the driver sleeps in the hack. With snubbed snouts and high suspension, Ambassador sedans are usually painted cream or in the taxi livery of vellow-topped hlack. They are as ubiquitous on Delhi's streets as the humped holy cow and share similar rounded lines.

Cab driver Man Singh, 27, says: "My Ambassador is more like a water buffalo. It is very strong. No matter how many passengers, or what the weather conditions, it still gets you there. I just give it fuel and water. Rough roads, potholes - no problem. Diesel engines don't stall in the monsoon. We are superior to other cars."

Mercedes Benzes, Opel Astras, Ford Escorts, Daewoo Cielos and zippy Maruti Suzukis have integrated into Delhi's traffic snarl of three million vehicles over the past few years, but the Ambas-



A police officer checks the smoky exhaust of an elderly Indian taxi Bikas Das/AP

a stately pace rarely more than 60 kilometres per hour. They are not known for manoeuvrability, but for endurance. Other cars defer to them at roundabouts, and not only because of their advanced Ambassador invariably crum-

Balvinder Singh, 69, has driven a Delhi cab for 50 years not the same cah, but three Mechanically they are sound autos. Very reliable," he says, Prime Minister rides in a bullet-proof one."

Besides decrepit Ambassador taxis, including some that have been roadworthy since the 1960s, the government ban will affect 4.000 fume-belching buses and virtually all of the old Harley-Davidson diesel tricycles which haul eight passengers at a time. These historic contraptions, dating from the Second World War, are called Phutphutiya - after the putt putt sound of their engines.

Mr Singh rolls his eyes. "Phutphutiya are not in our league," he confides. "They are for fresh air fiends, not select customers. But their drivers also need to earn a living." adors keep ambling along at In solidarity, most cabs and rickshaws stayed off the roads last Thursday to demand govreplacing engines in all elderly vehicles and to plead for an extension of the deadline.

Hailing taxis in Delhi iş not age. A mere knock against an customary, because they rarely stop. Most are dispatched from neighbourhood stands, where regular customers can phone in and a mechanic is available on-site. "We successive Amhassadors, are ready to work 24 hours a day," says Harpreet Singh, 23, who was recently promoted fondly patting the fender. "The from car cleaner to full-fiedged taxi-wallah after a year learning the by-lanes of Delhi by riding with his cousin. "It only takes me five minutes to tie my turban after I get a call, then

> A dozen drivers camp out full-time alongside Man Singh and Balvinder Singh near Lodhi Gardens, sometimes sleeping rough on rope charpoy beds, or else across the comfy back seat of their Ambassador taxis. The dashboards frequently get transformed into makeshift shrines. (This accounts for an odd, lived-in odour - a mix of sweat, mildew and incense. Man Singh wrinkled his nose at the "Sikh-ly smell" in a 1974 Ambassador, which runs so er-

ratically that it's become the

venue for card games during

All the drivers must wash at a hand pump in the open air. Ever since the Municipal Corporation took away their tents because officials complained that the taxi stand detracted from the Mughal tombs nearby, life has become harder. In off-season, between April and September, some drivers go back to wives and sweethearts in the villages of Punjab. But most earn as much as they can

in the capital Harpreet Singh polishes his Ambassador cab with pride. He swears it is his vehicle of choice. "We prefer to drive Ambassadors. In case of accident, the passenger and driver are protected. Its steel is strong. Spare parts are found everywhere. And no matter how much luggage we have, it always fits. We can squeeze up

to nine people inside." Regular customers can be particular about which cab they use - not so much the driver, but the licence plate. "Numerology buffs won't take a taxi if the digits add up to 13. They request their hicky numbers." says Man Singh. "But we drivers are not superstitious. The only numbers I care about are

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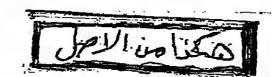
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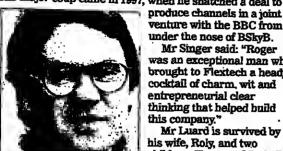
BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Flextech chief executive dies

ROGER LUARD (below), chief executive of Flextech, the evision group, died last weekend, it was announced sterday. Mr Luard, who was 48, had been at home on sick leave since May after he was affected by a rare neurological virus. In his absence, Flextech's chairman, Adam Singer, and managing director, Brent Harman, have been running the company

In the space of 12 years, Mr Luard transformed Flextech from a small oil services company into the leading supplier of channels for the UK cable and satellite television market. His major coup came in 1997, when he snatched a deal to



venture with the BBC from under the nose of BSkyB. Mr Singer said: "Roger was an exceptional man who brought to Flextech a heady cocktail of charm, wit and entrepreneurial clear thinking that helped build

this company." Mr Luard is survived by his wife, Roly, and two children, Harry and Isabella.

comura leads race for Thistle

NOMURA, the acquisitive Japanese bank, is the frontrunner in the race to buy the Thistle Hotel Group, in a deal worth np to £1.5bn. The finance house is believed to be in exclusive negotiations with Brierley Investments, the chain's major shareholder. Nomura is thought to have pulled ahead of a shortlist of five preferred bidders, which also includes venture capital group Blackstone and French hotel operator Accor.

Thistle, which owns 91 hotels around the country, has strong presence in London, where it owns 24 hotels, including the Tower Thistle at Tower Bridge and the Mount Royal at Marble Arch.

First woman on KPMG board

RUTH ANDERSON yesterday became the first woman to be appointed to the board of the accounting firm KPMG in its 131-year history. Ms Anderson has been promoted to the post of partner and will play a part in shaping KPMG's whire strategy.
The 44-year-old, who has worked with KPMG for 21

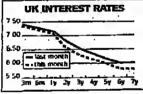
years and headed the group's tax practice in the Southeast, said her success was partly owed to being in the "right place at the right time."

She is among six new partners to be promoted to the 18member board, which is the youngest in KPMG's history, with an average age of 47.

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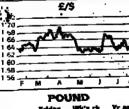
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MPs want biotech watchdog

BRITAIN'S embattled biotechnology companies should have their own independent watchdog with sweeping powers to regulate the industry, a leading parliamentary committee has

The regulator's main task would be to vet public statements made by companies on the progress of their drugs' clinical trials to make sure they are not misleading. The move is designed to restore confidence in biotechnology companies in the financial community following the British Biotech scandal.

In their long-awaited report on the affair, due to be published

By Francesco Guerrera

today, the Science and Technology Select Committee will also call for a code requiring pharmaceutical companies to appoint at least one non-executive director with scientific experience to the board.

The all-party group of MPs is set to argue that the measures are needed to avoid a repeat of the scandal engulfing British Biotech, the UK's largest biotechnology group.

For the past five months, the troubled company has been riven by a bitter feud between its outgoing chief executive Dr Keith McCullagh and its former

Andrew Millar

Dr Millar has alleged that the board of British Biotech, led by Dr McCullagh, issued overoptimistic press statements on two of the company's star drugs. The company has repeatedly refuted the allegations and has accused Dr Millar

of lifting the secrecy on some of the drugs' trials. Dr Millar was sacked in April after airing his concerns to one institutional shareholder.

The scandal has undermined investors' confidence in the whole sector, leading to a

head of clinical trials, Dr hindering many companies' ability to raise cash on the stock market. Biotechnology companies need external funds to pay for development costs because their balance sheets tend to remain in the red until a drug is successfully launched

> After a three-month inquiry into the implications for the industry, the MPs concluded that the appointment of an independent regulator and directors with scientific knowledge were crucial to restore investors' confidence, and help fledgling companies to raise

on to themarket.

implementation of measures to board of at least one non-execthe industry. Sources close to the committee said yesterday that the MPs believed that the events at British Biotech were partly the result of a lax regulatory regime.

"They (the MPs) don't think that the regulatory system is adequate at the moment. There is clearly a need for a tighter framework," the sources said. They added that a regulator

between the companies' need to keep investors informed and the urge to issue optimistic statements on their products". The appointment to the

could help ease the "tension

prevent any lasting damage to utive director with pharmacontribute to solve the problem. The idea was first mooted by Peter Lewis, British Biotech's former head of research, in evidence to the committee. The committee accepted the idea because, said the sources, "the MPs have some reservations on the knowledge base of nonexecutive directors. Boards need to count on someone who is scientifically proficient."

The report will also criticise the British Biotech's board for their handling of the affair, while Dr Millar is said to emerge largely unscathed.

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Pay deals stay high as growth tails off

PAY AWARDS are showing few BY PETER THAL LARSEN signs of slowing down in spite of growing signs that higher interest rates and the strong pound are putting the brakes on

Two comprehensive surveys of recent pay deals, due out today, show that average pay awards are still in the 3-4.5 per cent bracket. The data is likely England's Monetary Policy Committee may be tempted to rates, is causing a recession. raise interest rates when it

Both studies - by the Confederation of British Industry and Incomes Data Services, the consultancy - point to a powerful two-way pull on pay settlements. While slowing economic growth is prompting employers to temper their awards, they are also under pressure to make sure earnings keep up with rising living costs.

Further evidence of slowing economic growth is likely to emerge this week with figures credit insurance group, showing that in the three months to The CBI study shows that in that the economy is slipping figures on Thursday.

the three months to July, manufacturing pay settlements edged up slightly to an average of 3.7 per cent, compared to 3.6 per cent in the three months to April and 3.1 per cent in the same period last year. This rise is in spite of repeated complaints from manufacturers to raise fears that the Bank of that the strength of sterling, brought on by higher interest

Pay deals in the services industry are also on the rise. The CBI found the average pay award rising to 4.5 per cent in the period to July, up from 4.1 per cent in April Companies said cost of living increases and the need to keep staff were behind the rise. Meanwhile, IDS found that

pay awards were clustered in the 3-4.5 per cent range in the Spring and Summer. A typical example was Boots the Chemists, where staff received an average 3.75 per cent pay rising inflation and slowing June more orders were can- growth are affecting pay rates. The figures will raise fears

into a period of "stagflation" which combines rising inflation with slowing growth. They may provide further ammunition for the Bank to keep interest rates high. When the MPC raised rates in June, it argued that earnings growth was incompatible with its long-term inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

At the time, the Bank suggested that earnings growth would have to fall below 4.5 per cent in order to be sustainable. The most recent official figures showed beadline earnings growth falling to 5 per cent in May from 5.4 per cent in the previous month. The CBI says 43 per cent of

the respondents cited an inability to raise prices as providing a drag on pay settlements. However, 41 per cent said the rising cost of living was keeping pay deals high. The figures come at the

beginning of a key week for UK

economic statistics. On Tuesday, the Retail Prices Index figthe conflicting pressures of Those statistics are followed by retail sales data for July on Wednesday and second quarter Gross Domestic Product



The average 3.75 per cent pay rise at Boots the Chemists was typical of recent deals

Telewest brings in Pepsi man to lift cable appeal

is set to appoint an executive from PepsiCo, the US drinks and food group, as its new chief

Tony Illsley, who is currently president of Walkers Snack Foods, should be confirmed in the post early next month. Mr Illsley, in his early 40s, has been running Walkers in the UK for the past three years. His appointment follows an

extensive search by Telewest following the departure of former chief executive Stephen Davidson in April.

Telewest had been looking to appoint a British executive with marketing experience to raise the company's appeal.

YOUR STARTER for 10: Who in-

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business in Manchester now

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O'Groats, rescued the company

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Robin, and has just bought the

Snowdon Mountain Railway?

Step forward Kevin Leech

a 55-year-old professional investor, who has just been

approached by the National

Trust to see how the two will get

on as neighbours, now that the

Trust is set to buy the peak of

railway three weeks ago, he had no idea that Richard Williams.

had agreed with the vendor's

agents, Carter Jonas, to buy

Snowdon for over £3 million.

The Trust was given 100 days

to raise the money. The appeal

got off to a roaring start when

Sir Anthony Hopkins, the

Welsh-born actor of "Hannibal

Lector" fame, donated £1m to

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When Mr Leech bought the

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TELEWEST, the cable operator, By PETER THAL LARSEN

He will be joining Telewest just as the cable sector is comlengthy slump.

ators have risen sharply on

ing back into vogue after a Shares in all the cable oper-

the back of rapid consolidation in the industry and growing optimism about their ability to combine television, telephone and high-speed Internet access services. Telewest shares have more than doubled in the past few months alone and the comany is now poised to join the FTSE 100 index.

Nevertheless. Mr Illsley will still have a lot to do. His first job of General Cable, the rival operator which Telewest bought earlier this year.

The company is also still struggling to dispel its public image of shoddy customer service. Recent results showed that Telewest's market penetration in both telephony and television is almost static while churn rates remain high.

While Mr Illslev should bring much-need marketing acumen to Telewest, his lack of industry experience may prove a problem. His appointment may he short term. Analysts believe that further

consolidation could leave the UK with just one cable operator instead of the current three.

Smaller DIY stores 'will join forces to survive' By Francesco Guerrera

THE DO-IT-YOURSELF retail market is set to enter a period of consolidation, with the smaller players expected to ioin forces to survive the impending economic slowdown, according to an influential report out today.

Verdict, the retail research group, argues that that the latest bout of consolidation in the sector could lead to a threeway merger between Do It All (the troubled chain put up for sale by Boots), Great Mills (controlled by building materials group RMC), and Focus.

Verdict says that as consumer spending slows down, these three small players will need to link up to compete

with market leaders B&Q. owned by Kingfisher, and Sains-

bury's Homebase. There are too many stores for the market. If consolidation does not happen, the weaker players will fall by the wayside," said Verdict chairman Richard

A merged entity encom-passing Do It All, Great Mills and Focus would have a 7.5 per cent market share and sales of £745m, overtaking Wickes as the third largest DIY chain.

The report shows that the DIY sales remained buoyant last year, posting an increase of 10.4 per cent to £11.7bn - the

strongest rise of the 1990s. Verdict warns that growth in 1998 will fall to under 5 per cent, due to the economic slowdown, but sales will still remain at "respectable" levels.

In spite of atrong sales growth, the number of superstores continues to fall as chains move to larger shops such as B&Q's Warehouses. "We do not expect superstore numbers to see much growth. What is happening is a qualitative change in favour of larger stores with wider offer of complementary merchandise." Verdict says.

"The DIY sector is pretty robust and will remain so,

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PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

By John WILLCOCK



whose family had farmed a the managing director of the third of Snowdon for 14 gener-Snowdon Mountain Railway is ations, wanted to sell a 4,000also called Anthony Hopkins. Obviously it is a popular name acre area of the mountain. in Wales. Perhaps that's why Then a week ago the the railway man prefers to be National Trust announced it addressed as "Tony" Hopkins.

Mr Leach's railway, the only rack-and-pinion railway in the UK, runs from Llanberis in north Wales, 343ft above sea level, to the summit station on Snowdon, 3,493ft above sea level, which is also the highest railway station in the UK

In another coincidence, Mr Leach learnt mountaineering In a bizarre coincidence, the on Snowdon in his youth, and he 2000 hug-

became an instructor there at £10 a week plus board. He definitely couldn't afford to use the

deal was clinched, Mr Leach said: "Although it is too early to discuss details. I intend to upgrade the existing facilities. but anything I do will be in keepof the site.

done at Land's End and my plans for John O'Groats will be a reassurance to anyone concerned about the railway whatever their point of interest, either economic or environmental - that I shall be a sensitive caretaker of this national institution."

Now it seems that the Trust and the entrepreneur are warming to each other. Peter Broomhead, director of the National Trust in Wales, has been in touch with Mr Leach to talk about how they are going to get on as "new neighbours".

"MILLENIUM BUG to Fire Bug" is the catchy title of an upcoming one-day conference arranged by Post Magazine on the threat of arson posed by the

ference on 12 October will discuss the fear that "many railway then, he says. businesses will fail to tackle the millenium bug adequately and Speaking after the railway

will see torching their busi-ness and submitting an insurance claim as a soft option," It's not quite as far fetched as it sounds. According to the ing with the beauty and drama Arson Prevention Bureau, over 240 fires are started deliberately "I believe that what I have in the UK each day.

> THE BAR COUNCIL is fed up with attacks on the profession, especially recent accusations that leading silks had overclaimed on Legal Aid. The Bar Council has responded by appointing Shandwick, the City public relations firm, to portray the bewigged ones in a more favourable light. If they can do that, then never will a profes-

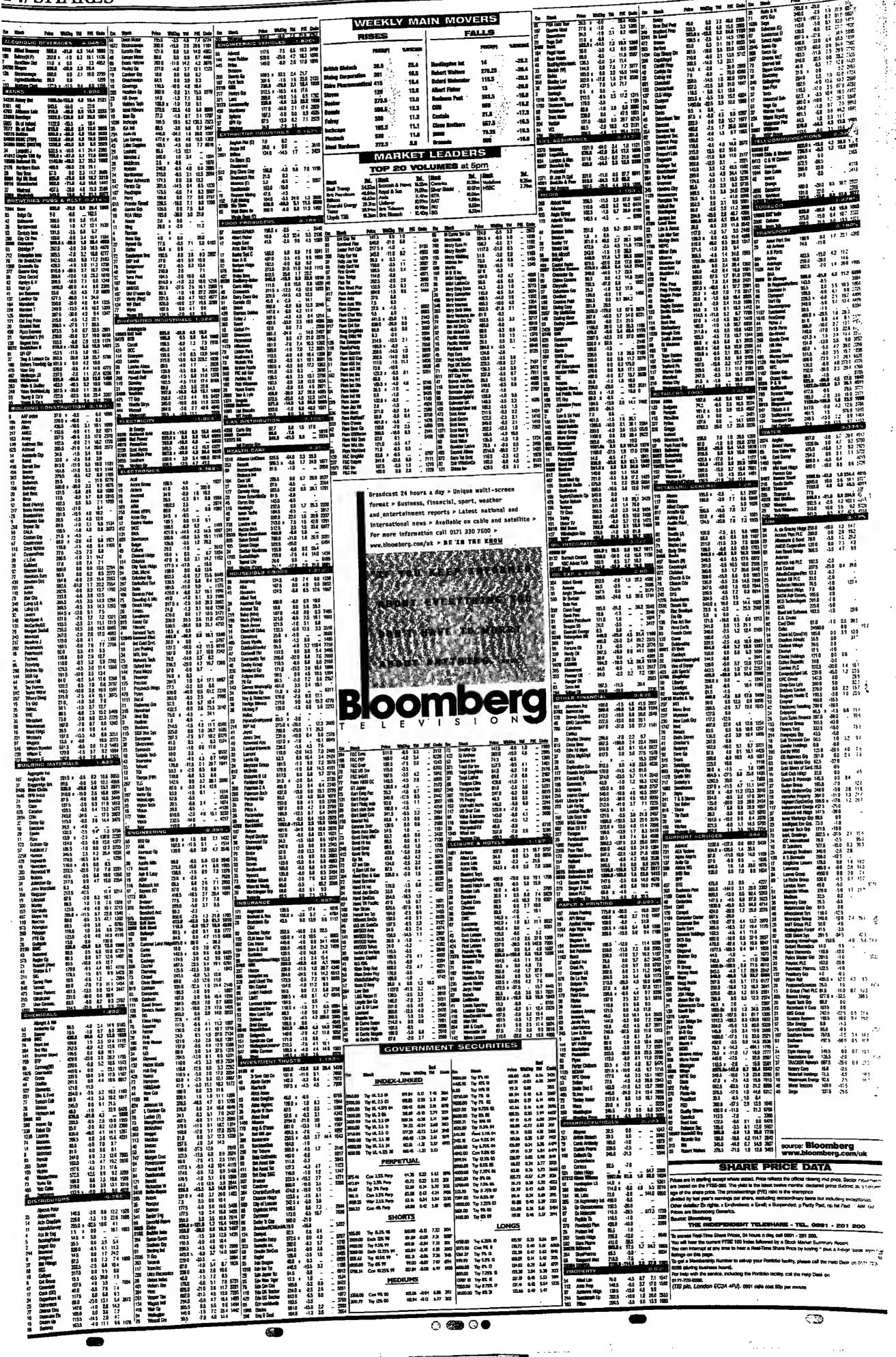
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The world will be one big tax haven

IT IS AN overworked cliché to say that business is becoming increasingly global these days. There is nothing particularly new about this. Some businesses have always been global - shipping was a big global business a century ago. Some can never be because we all spend a lot on services - haircuts, bousing, restaurant meals, taxis - that can only be provided locally. But in between there are some interesting industries that clearly are becoming more global. The most important of these is probably financial services. And as financial services have become a global industry, tax has become a global

For a large part of the post-war period. people's savings were invested mainly, if not entirely, in their own country. What kept the money at home was exchange controls. As soon as these were abolished, and fund managers were free to seek the highest returns in whatever far-flung location took their fancy, they proved more than willing to do so.

International capital flows have grown to enormous proportions because capital - especially financial capital - is incredibly mobile. It can move across national boundaries in a split second and at very low cost. It will move quickly, anywhere in the globe, to find the highest returns.



Tax has become a global

issue. Powerful forces are driving rates on savings down towards zero.

This brings us to the issue of tax. because what interests the provider of capital is the post-tax return. In a world of highly mobile global savings, the jurisdiction with the lowest tax rate is an attractive place to be.

By cutting tax rates on savings, a country can attract more than its share of world savings. Lower tax rates thus lead to higher tax revenue - until competing

Hoping to get an unfair share of the world supply of savings by cutting tax rates on savings is a bit like standing up at an all-seater football match. You'll get a good view for a while, but if you persist eventually everybody else stands up and all are worse off - same view, aching feet.

Tax competition between jurisdictions has been driving down tax rates on capital around the world from the early 1980s. The two most important taxes on the returns to capital are corporation tax. which taxes profits, and the income tax which bears on dividends and interest.

International organisations, such as the European Commission and the OECD, worry about the loss of revenue from these taxes because the lower the taxes on capital income, the higher the taxes have to be on employment and consumption.

This concern of the EU and the OECD

reflects a very respectable strand in tax thinking it is better to tax many things lightly than a few things heavily owing to the distortion to economic activity being less. This laudable concern for tax neutrality also fits in very well with the natural desire of finance ministries around the world to get in revenue from every possible source. So it is not at all

jurisdictions react by cutting their own rates.

surprising that the OECD has, with their blessing, launched an inquiry into "harm-blessing, launched an inquiry ful tax competition" and is looking particularly closely at the so-called tax havens.

There is no official definition of a tax haven, though the large accounting firms produce lists of countries which have two key characteristics: low rates of tax on residents and a willingness to pay dividends and interest to non-residents free of tax. Nothing wrong with that. It is incumbent on the non-resident to declare the income from another jurisdiction in his or her own jurisdiction - and there are many large and respectable countries that do not apply withholding taxes to nonresidents. If you want to avoid tax by getting paid interest gross and not declaring the income, you can achieve this result as easily by opening a bank account in Germany as in Guernsey.

Global industries, like financial services, which do not have to be close to their customers, find it very attractive to locate themselves in these low-tax jurisdictions, and finance ministries in other jurisdictions are becoming increasingly concerned about the resulting revenue

However it must be said that the official word is somewhat schizophrenic on

on savings (out of income which has already been taxed; should not be taxed at all. That line of thinking has long governed the tax treatment of pensions. More recently, we have witnessed the invention of new savings instruments such as PEPs and Tessas, which offer tax-exempt sav-

ings opportunities. So it is far from clear that the authorities, who have been busy inventing tax havens inside their own jurisdiction, are in a strong position to attack the tax havens in other jurisdictions. The really interesting question to ask about any tax jurisdiction is whether it is engaging in fair or unfair competition. Low tax rates do not constitute unfair competition. Helping people in other juris-dictions to evade tax, or outright money laundering, does.

Do the Channel Islands, for example engage in unfair competition? Certainly their tax rates are much lower than in the UK, but this is because public spending takes a much lower share of GDP. There are three main reasons for this: the islanders have run their affairs extremely prudently in the past, so that taxpaye are not lumbered, as they are in the UK, with a debt interest burden. Secondly,

no need for a huge social security budget. And thirdly, because the islanders shelter under the UK defences, there is no defence burden on the taxpayer.

For all these eminently respectable reasons, the Channel Islands have been able to impose low rates of tax. As a result they have attracted a large financial services industry to their shores. But in the process they have also attracted the attentions of those intent upon evading tax in their own jurisdiction. That is why the Islands are perceived, potentially to their detriment, as centres of tax evasion rather than successful low-tax economies

in the Hong Kong or Singapore mould. Where will the DECD inquiry lead? It is far too early to say, but the global forces driving taxes on savings down towards zero are extremely powerful. In the future there will be no tax havens because the world will be one big tax haven for the saver. The other side of the coin is that we will all have to get used to higher taxes on labour and consumption - or find some way of getting our levels of spending down. The Islanders have shown us it can be done.

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Bill Robinson is a director of the consultancy London Economics

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Rolls-Royce wins \$400m order

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order from American Airlines, the

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SELFRIDGES has not received a

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book up to £10bn.

Stress and strain savage the tiddlers

FOOTSIE'S DRAMATIC decline from the 6,179 points peak achieved only four weeks ago has tended to overshadow the blood and tears shed on the stock market's undercard.

The small cap index also reached a high this year. The happy event occurred in May. Since then it has been all downhill. Last week it was teetering uncomfortably close to its lowest level of the year, hit on the opening day. Indeed, even when the market

was attempting to throw off its cares on Friday, the small cap index spent much of the day in the red. It ended the week at 2,333.4, just 13.2 above the low point and far removed from its happy 2,792.7 Composition of the index is set

each December. Last year the capitalisation cut-off point was fixed at 665m. Such has been the devastation that around 60 of the current constituents have market values below the minimum with, for example, Tie Rack now worth

of the shares in the outer reaches of the market have suffered even more savagely; as measured by the fledgling share index, they have been in decline since 1994. In that vear this index, which embraces nearly all the tiddlers, peaked at 1.778.3. It did hit 1,517.11 this year and is currently around 1.270.

STOCK MARKET Week



DEREK PAIN

Why is the undercard so out of favour? The hoary old explanation out forward is a lack of liquidity. Market-makers do not carry enough shares on their books, and are unwilling to trade in big blocks because they are likely to be stuck with them and bang prices at the first sign of a seller. The spreads offered between buying and selling prices are often exceedingly wide. So, runs the argument, the It could be argued that the rest little 'uns are inevitably savaged in times of stress and strain.

There should, therefore, be a contrary reaction when buyers are around. To some extent there is and gains are often exaggerated. But the liquidity problem, which is not new, is not the only negative influence in this year's rout.

Such has been the impact of the

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strong pound that many currencysensitive stocks, such as engineers, have for long been neglected by the market. Consequently their capitalisations have fallen and unfashionable metal-bashers and the

FTSE International. Nowadays much of Britain's traditional industrial heartland is gathered outside Footsie.

domestic league of indices run by

For example Credit Suisse First Boston calculates that engineers now represent only 2.6 per cent of Interims: Anglo Pacific, Card Footsie against 6.74 per cent of the Clear, ITE, LLP, Polyhedron, mid cap and 6.41 per cent of the Quarto, Severfield-Raeve, WPP small cap. The fledgling contribu- Finals: Future Integrated tion is 4.87 per cent.

In contrast high street banks, TUESDAY until recently the market highflyers, make up 18.78 per cent of Harbour, Newsquest

Footsie; 1.06 per cent of the mid at BT Alex.Brown do not expect major acquisition. It succeeded in cap; 2.3 per cent of the small cap shares to suddenly regain lost and 3.05 per cent of the fledgling. ground. With a cut in interest rates Computers are probably the only area where the smaller indices

Friday's much needed rally by the top 350 shares - Footsie and the mid cap constituents - was largely technical and had an air of unreality about it. The end of the dog days of the August retreat - or merely a dead cat bounce?

Gertainly a number of influential strategists view the summertime blues as a correction rather than the start of a bear market.

Neil Williams and Jeffrey M Weingarten at Goldman Sachs say: We believe the current equity market correction is more likely to be a short, sharp correction similar to what we saw last October like have been relegated down the rather than the start of a bear

Bob Semple and David McBain

some way off and profit downgrades to be coped with, investors face a rough ride. But they say: "Investors should now start to buy the UK into

the current market fragility ..." Richard Jeffrey at Charterhouse Tilney is looking for a further 5 per cent Footsie fall.

Rentokil Initial, the environmental and security group, tops the week's results schedule with its interim performance. It should achieve chairman Sir Clive Thompson's 20 per cent growth target - a self-inflicted burden be must now regret.

BT Alex Brown expect profits of £233m against £193.9m. But analysts Paul Morland and Andrew Nussey fret about the second halfyear when the magic 20 per cent may prove elusive.

The company needs another

THE WEEK'S DIARY

Economics: Retail Price Index

(July), Public Finances (July)

Interims: JN Nichols (Vimto),

Rentokil Initial, Rosebys, Weir

Finals: Armitage Bros, Game,

Economics: Retail Sales (July)

WEDNESDAY

wringing much better than expected returns out of its last victim, the BET cleaning group. Compass is the market's favoured Rentokil target and it is known Sir Clive has thought about a bid for the contract caterer.

Without a takeover Rentokil's proud 20 per cent growth record is in danger. In any case any deal would probably come too late to bave much impact on this year's figures and with margins under pressure it is likely Sir Clive will lose his 20 per cent tag when he presents the full year's results in March.

WPP, the advertising group once teetering on the brink of oblivion, should score a near 20 per cent interim advance to £93.4m, says Merrill Lynch. Analyst David Chermont is shooting for £207.4m for the year and reckons the group should hit £270.1m in 2000.

Interims: T Clarke, Metal Bulletin,

Economics: GDP (Q2), M4 Broad

Finals: Brown & Jackson

THURSDAY

Money (July)

FRIDAY

Personal bug risk BRITISH BUSINESS still has to find £1bn-£5bn to tackle the millennium bug in employees'

personal computers, according to research by Logica, the compute services group. The problem stems from spreadsheets and databases which were created using non-compliant software. and which are often still in use. Although companies have spent billions stamping out the bug in corporate databases, personal computers have been overlooked.

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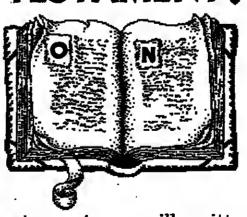
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European Athletics Championships: Britain's hope generously helped by World and Olympic champion

Backley aims at unique treble

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

AS STEVE BACKLEY seeks to win a third successive European javelin title in Budapest this week, his mind may stray back to the circumstances of his last victory in this event, at

Defeating a field which contained every top thrower - including Jan Zelezny, the Olympic champion, and Finland's local hero Seppo Raty ~ prompted Backley to develop a

spontaneous new technique. It did not involve throwing, but celebrating. After Raty's last throw of the competition fell short of Backley's effort the Briton's first reaction was rel-

He smiled, hlew out his cheeks and shook the hand of his training partner, Terry McHugh. But the manic ap-pearance on the boundary wall of John Trower, the man who had coached, cajoled and occasionally conned Backley into a succession of champion performances suddenly seemed to define the moment for him.

Javelin throwers are not usually able or accustomed to doing laps of honour - too much else is usually occurring around them. But Backley, his enthusiasm overflowing, started to progress down the infield, sidestepping and waving in a movement that was half-way It was ungainly. And glorious.

· Perhaps Backley will devise a new victory salute in the Nep stadium on Sunday. Certainly his form this year makes it high-

ly likely that he might need to. Backley has already recorded 89.89 metres this summer, his best for six years and a distance which takes him to Friday's qualifying round as the European with the second furthest throw so far this season.

The only man who stands above him in the rankings is Aki Parviainen, a 23-year-old Finn who has thrown 90.88.

Backley, who will be 30 next February, could be forgiven a certain nervousness about this relatively newcomer given his experience at last year's world championships in Athens.

Approaching that event unencumbered by injury - a relatively rare state of affairs for him in the last six years - the Olympic and world silver medaltist appeared to have within his reach the first global title he so desperately craved.

Then Marius Corbett, a 21year-old South African, intervened with an unexpected African record of 88.40 which forced Backley to accept second

Parviainen clearly has the potential to do the same this time, although his championship record at senior level has been as yet unremarkable.

Backley, however, will also be keeping a wary eye on Germany's Boris Henry, only half a metre behind him this year, and Konstantinos Gatsioudis, of Olympics.

Greece, whom the Briton identified as a potential danger before last year's championships in Athens. On that occasion. however, Backley backed the wrong dark horse.

But he has more reason to be confident this year given the consistency of his form. Part of the reason for his current buoyancy lies in the groundwork be has laid during the winter in figure in recent years - Zelezny.

Earlier this year, the Czech right shoulder so badly that career, and he was forced to rule himself out of competition for at least 12 months. However, the former army colonel and his coach, Jan Pospisil, have left open their invitation for Backley and Trower to visit their training group near Prague, an offer which has been readily taken up.

This week both men have how out to Frague again, accompanied by fellow country-man Mark Roberson and Mick Hill, as part of their final preparations.

This is just the latest manifestation of the approach Backley has been obliged to develop over the years as he has picked up the injuries which are the lot of every exponent in this wrenchingly deand survive.

Since 1992 he has had injuries to his shoulder, groin, elbow and feet. He has fought back with the help of a number of people, including the South African, Dr Ron Holder, who corrected a damaging imbalance in his posture by hullding up the insole of one of his shoes with minutely calculated layers of Yellow Pages. It sounded bizarre. It was bizzare. But it got Backley moving in the right

direction again. His ultimate defence, however, has been his own courage and mental toughness which be demonstrated to staggering effect when he won the Olympic silver medal two years ago just a month after he had been on crutches following an operation on a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Thus Backley goes into his third European Championships with the world and Olympic champion effectively in his corner. Success would set him up for a unique achievement, that of being both European and Commonwealth champion three times running. Victory in Budapest this

Sunday and subsequent triumph in Kuala Lumbur next month - when Corbett is due to compete - would establish Backley's credentials as the world's leading thrower in the continued absence of Zelezny. It would be a highly acceptable way for him to move towards what be still regards as his ultimate goal - the 2000 Sydney



Steve Backley has had a succession of injuries over the years but some unorthodox treatments seem to have restored him

Smith plots Britain's golden future

getting to the final of the Eu-

ropean Championships is not

the same as making it to the

STEVE SMITH, the new team captain, yesterday injected a dose of realism as Britain's athletes prepared to launch a gold medal charge at this week's European Champion-

ships in Budapest. The team could win around 10 titles in the championships which begin in the Hungarian capital tomorrow.

But Smith, made men's captain after Roger Black retired. believes the team should have a wider focus. After all, there's

next year's World Champi-onships and then the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, and he is hopeful that the Europeans Championships will be a springboard to global success.

"There is every reason to think we can win a lot of golds." said Smith, the high jumper who will be the first 'non performing' captain following a neck injury in training that will rule him out until next year.

"But the important thing to

remember is that winning or

final at the Worlds or Olympics. "Everybody should be using the Europeans as part of the huild-up to Sydney because the 2000 Olympics are what it is going to be all about.

But a bagful of golds at the Nep Stadium would be a good starting point for a team that failed to win a title at the 1996 Olympics and last year's World Championships.

As well as Steve Backley in the javelin, Colin Jackson will be chasing s hat-trick of suc-

cesses in the 110m hurdles. Jackson has clocked 10 of the 11 fastest times by a European this summer, but the world record holder could be pushed

hy rising German, Falk Balzer. The triple jumper Jonathan Edwards should return to the victory podium for the first time in a major event since 1995. Mark Richardson will start

favourite to beat his team-mate

Iwan Thomas and maintain Britain's tradition in the 400m, while Solomon Wariso will be under pressure to complete a clean sweep of the medals.

The women's team has been depleted by the absence of the middle-distance runner Kelly Holmes and yesterday's withdrawal of the world indoor triple jump record holder, Ashia en, through injury.

In the heptathlon Denise Lewis could finally take the next step on to the winners' podium.

Ready Teddy comfort for Tait

EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY at Gatcombe Park

BLYTH TAIT and Ready Teddy with whom he woo the individual Olympic gold medal in 1996, gave a sparkling performance to win the Doubleprint British Open Championship here yesterday. The New Zealander defeated Karen Dixon (who took the national title having gained the best British score on Too Smart) with last year's Australian winner, Andrew Hox in third place

on Buckley Province. Tait regards Ready Teddy as a great little horse - "If I had to choose only one to ride, I'd choose him every time" - hut the 10-year-old has not been without his problems. Last year he began running away towards the end of the Gatcombe course. This year at Badminton he had a fall at The Bank when m with a winning chance.

"I pushed him at the beginning of the course here last year and got him rattled." Tait said yesterday, after gaining his first British Open title. "This time I let him bowl along at his own pace." It turned out to be smart pace since Ready Teddy recorded the fastest time. The second fastest was another of Tait's mounts. Chesterfield, who finished in fifth place,

Dixon, who has been on three British Olympic teams and was the winner of this contest with Too Smart in 1994, has been making a brave comeback after breaking her leg almost a year ago. "When I started riding again in February, I came down to Gatcombe to get some belp from Mark Phillips. He got me going again," Dixon said.

Too Smart's next outing will be at Henbury Hall in Cheshire the weekend after next, when Dixon will be among the shortin the final trial for the World Equestrian Games to be held in Italy in October. The Great Britain team will be defending their world title which was won in The Hague four years ago when Dixon was part of the win-

ning quartet. Pippa Nolan, winner of the British Open here in 1992, had been leading after the dressage and show jumping on Rainbow Magic. She was, therefore, last to go on the cross-country which, as always, was run in the reverse order of merit:

Nolan's chance of a repeat victory disappeared half way round the 32-fence course when Rainbow Magic had a less than fluent jump over the first of three parts in the Coutts Complex. Wisely opting for a longer route there on the nineyear-old. Noian collected some extra time penalties as a result. But she must have heen pleased to complete a clear round for fourth place.

Those assessing form in the run-up to the World Games will have noted the fine performance of Tait's intended partner, Ready Teddy. Hox who has won two Olympic team gold medals for Australia, also looks to have the right horsepower in last year's Bramham winner, Swizzle In, his winning partner in the first advanced

section here on Saturday. David O'Connor, of the United States, and his wife, Karen. filled the top two places in the second advanced section yesterday.

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Scratching the surface of discrimination

Forbidden Fairways: African Americans and the Game of Golf (Sleeping Bear Press, \$24.95) By Calvin H Sinnette

WHEN TIGER WOODS won the US Masters last year, the roof of the Augusta National clubhouse almost blew off. "I've never seen as much excitement as we had in the clubhouse," said the then chairman, Jackson Stephens. When he made the putt on 18, the clubhouse

exploded." Woods had set records galore, but not lost among all the statistics was the fact that Woods was the first black player to win the event. His victory came 22 years after Lee

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Elder became the first black golfer to play in the Masters and seven years after Augusta admitted their

first black member. "That's why this victory is even more special," Woods, who later described himself as a "Cablinasian" to represent his mix of cultures, said, "Seeing Lee Elder before I played meant a lot. I looked up to him and Charlie Sifford and because of them I am able to live my dream."

Little over a generation before, Woods would not have been able to

do so. When Sifford was leading the Canadian Open after two rounds in 1962, officials from Augusta sent word that that year's winner of the event would not be invited to the following year's Masters, Clifford Roberts, the long-serving chairman, once said that "a black man would never play at Augusta as long as he had something to do with it and that the only way a black man was going to get on Augusta was as a

caddie or a clubhouse porter." None of this is addressed in Calvin Sinnette's book Forbidden Foirmags. The background to the removal of the infamous "Caucasian rule" in the PGA's statutes in 1981 is covered, however sketchily. Tour-

naments were redesignated "Open Invitationals" to prevent players such as Bill Spiller, Ted Rhodes and Sifford from being able to play. At the San Diego Open in 1952,

Joe Louis, the former world heavyweight champion, was allowed to play, but other black players were not. From then on, non-PGA members were allowed to play in tournaments if they received a sponsor's invitation. At the next event in Phoenix, Louis, Rhodes, Sifford and Eural Clark were sent out in the first group of the qualifying round and onthe first green "were greeted by the revolting sight and smell of human excrement that someone had surreptitiously placed in the cup".

This is far from the definitive record of an interesting and important subject in a sport which cherishes honour and integrity but has a history of appalling discrimination, whether racial, sexual or ageist. But Sinnette does provide a gentle ramble through the lives of some golfers whose fame would be greater but for the colour of their skin.

Among those recounted are John Shippen, who might have won the second US Open in 1896 but for an 11 at the 13th hole when he was leading in the final round, and George Grant, who invected and patented the first wooden bee in 1899, but failed to exploit the idea commercially. Andy Farrell

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Salford

squash

hapless

Giants

BOBBIE GOULDING'S Hudder-stield debut ended in disappointment as Salford beat the Giants 16-12 yesterday to end the visitors' five-match losing run. The Great Britain international

came off the bench after 23 min-

utes but his prompting was not

enough to prevent Huddersfield

slipping to their seventh defeat

in a row and their t5th loss in t7

looked to have put on weight

during his two-week absence

from the game, but it will need

more than a fully fit Goulding

on top of his game to transform Huddersfield into anything

Goulding entered the fray. Gary

Broadbent made a brilliant

last-nunute tackle to deny

Adrian Belle five metres out

and the Reds' four-point lead

was enough to send Hudders-

field - watched by 2,932, their

lowest crowd of the campaign

stumbling to another defeat.

try demolition upon Warrington

to virtually guarantee their po-

sition in the play-offs at The

Shay: The Wolves were never in

the game as the Blue Sox rapid-

ly ootched up five scores in the

opening 40 minutes and to fur-

ther Warrington's woes, they

had Adam Doyle rushed to

hospital with a serious leg

The Yorkshire side avenged

their early-season defeat at

Wilderspool, with Gavin Clinch,

Daio Powell, Jamie Bloem. Gary Mercer, Oliver Marns,

Martin Moana, Fereti Tuilagi

and Martin Pearson all scoring

tries. Pearson also kicked seven

two tries for Warrington and

Mark Foster also crossed the

line, but they were token efforts.

Brendan Tunta was sent to the sin-bin in the 65th minute, two

minutes after coming on, after

trading blows with Des Clark,

who also earned a yellow card.

Siviter bt W Boone 6-2 6-3, 50: A Purnell bt R Tut: 7-6 4-6 6-4, 55: J Dhiral-Soma bt N Church 6-4 6-3, 60: O Shears bt O Garman 6-4 7-5, 65: K Buswed bt L Tréen 7-5 6-2, 70: W Threlfall bi S Howard 6-7 7-6 7-6, 75: H Carsana bt J McColl 6-3 6-3, Misseer 40: D Gwatkin bt F Freeman 6-4 6-4, 45: O Grundy bt O Hill 7-6 6-0, 60: G Thompson by J Pearce 2-6 6-1 6-2, 85: R Lauder w/o R Illingworth 50: 70: K Davies bt C Hardwrith

goals from nine attempts. Mike Wainwright claimed

injury in their 46-16 defeat.

Halifax inflicted an eight-

Salford were 6-0 ahead when

other than strugglers.

The former St Helens No 7

Super League games.

Second Coming of Paul

RUGBY LEAGUE BY DAVE HADFIELD

Sheffield

HENRY PAUL does not expect to be at Wigan next season, but he showed them what they could be missing with a vintage individual display at they took Sheffield apart yesterday. Paul inspired a ruthless second-half performance after it had taken a controversial decision to give them the edge in the first.

He was outstanding as Wigan produced their best rugby of the season, extracting a second measure of retribution for the defeat by the Eagles at Wembley in May. Paul might. feel that he has already been effectively pushed out by the signing of Greg Florimo for next year, but when Paul plays like this, you get two stand-offs for the price of one. "He was outstanding as a

team No 6 and then he did what he can do with his individual brilliance." said the Wigan coach, John Monie, not always such an unequivocal fan in the past. Paul claimed two tries with

the sinuous running that makes him so hard to defend against when he is in the mood and he was also involved in much of Wigan's other best work.

"I didn't think I'd done enough in the first half, but I tried to make up for it in the second," he said. "I'm not really worried about what happens in the future. I just want to focus on the job here from week to week."

Well as they played, Wigan were helped towards their overwhelming victory by a refereeing decision that had the Sheffield coach, John Kear, not

usually an outspoken critic of officials, furning afterwards. Steve Ganson sent the Eagles' second rower Darren Shaw to the sin-bin for a holding down offence mid-way through the

"I thought it was a poor decision," Kear said. "He could have sin-binned someone on about 60 occasions and if you do it for one, you have to do it for

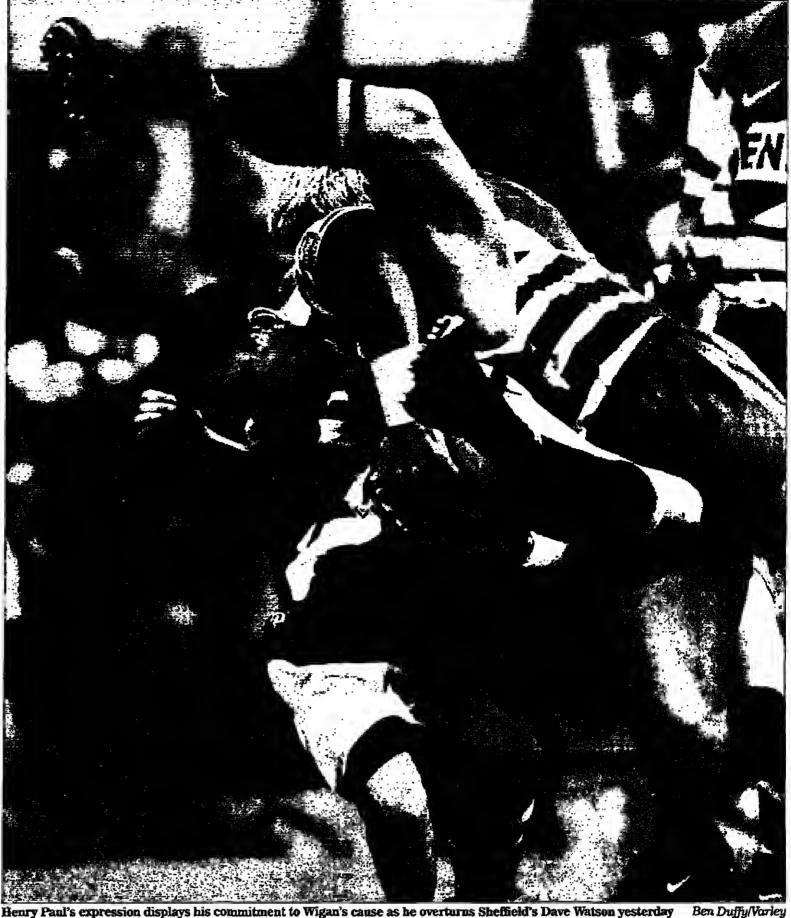
During the 10 minutes that Shaw was absent, Wigan turned a six-point deficit, the result of Darren Turner's closerange try during Sheffield's lively start, into a six-point lead. First, Paul danced through and then, after Waisale Sovatabua had dropped a high kick, he was involved in sending Kris Radlinski in for a second converted try. If that gave Wigan a precar-

ious lead, they simply romped away after the hreak. Tony Smith and Lee Gilmour linked for Andy Farrell, who kicked eight goals, to score the pivotal try before Gary Connolly, Paul Johnson and Smith combined in the best move of the match to release Danny Moore. Stephen Holgate went over from close range, Paul skipped over from Smith's pass and Simon Haughton powered over

We were competitive in the first half," Kear said, "but we weren't competitive at all in the second. We lost that half 32-0 and we were lucky to get nil." Milgan: Radiirski; Bell, Connoth, Moore, Robinson; Paul, Smith; O'Connot, McCor-mack, Mestrou, Cassidy, Haughton, Farrell. Subscitutes: sesett Johnson. Gilmour. Holgatz, Clarke, Sheffield: Sovat

to round it all off.

bent, Turner, Laughton, Carr, Shaw, Doyle



MOTOR RACING

RUGBY LEAGUE AMIL Seturdary Cronulla 22 Maworra 30. Canterbury 8 Melbourne 4. Adelaide 0 North Sydney 36. Yesteerdary 8 Arbaine 16 Audidand 4: Manly 28 North Queens-land 12; Balmain 16 Newcastle 30: Sydney City 34 Gold Coast 10; Parra-matta 50 Western Suburbs 4.

RUGBY UNION TRI-RATIONS INTERNATIONAL (Dus-bas): South Africa (S) 24 New Zealand (17) 23. South Africa: Bies Ferbanche, van der Westhaten, Skinstal, Daftor; Conversions: Montgomery (2). New versions Mehrtens (2); Pen

versions: Meintens (2); Pospalkies Meintens (3).

MORLID CUP 1999 OXIALIFYTING ROUNDS: Bustons Alivas: Argentins 52 USA 24; Canada 38 Ungury 15.

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SOUTH AFRICA CURVEI CUP: Biomanionate 23.

Georget South Western Districts 29 Blue Bulls 32. Mellingsone: Boiand 29 Eastern Province 19. Proclamateroses: North Western Province 18. Brapain: Gautern 17. Western Province 13.

TOUR MUSTO'L Leisster 33 Morocco 14.

SATURDAN'S CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 47 South Wales Police 12. Bedford 81 Bedford Allette C. Northernpton 70 Leeds 33; Noctingform 22 Recherham 38: Pomppridd 19 Saracers 22; Worcester 52 Swansea 47. SOUASH AUSTRALIAN DPEM CHARPI-ONISHIP (Rielbourne): Mea: Semi-finais: 0 Palmer (Aus) bt (Higgins (Eng) 11-15 15-8 15-10 17-15: P Price (Aus) bt C Rowland (Aus) 10-15 17-16 10-15 15-6 15-6 Finai: Price bl Palmer 15-7 15-11 15-10. Women: Semi-finais: 5 Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt C Owener (Aus) 10-8 9-7 9-

SAILING ULTRA 30 GRAND PRIX REGATTA (Pessarth): 1 DBS, R Peters 29pts; 2 Unit-ed Airflas, G Charles 25; 3 Hoya, E Warden Owen 25; 4 Henry Lloyd, K Sproul 22; 5 Benties, P Newlands 16; 8 Team David MicLean, L Mead 9.

SNOOKER
CHIMA INTERNATIONAL (Phymoeth)
Third qualitying round: B Hanever
(Ber) bt G Home (Sco) 5-3; D Clarke (Eng)
bt M Dunn (Eng) 5-4; J Wunger (Aus) bt
K Burrows (Eng) 5-2; W Brown (Eng) bt
S Chong (Hal) 5-1; P Sweety (Eng) bt J Lardner (Sco) 5-3; P Mabace (Iri) bt M Couch
(Eng) 5-2; P Babace (Iri) bt M Couch
(Eng) 5-2; P Babace (Iri) bt M Couch
(Eng) 5-2; P Babace (Iri) bt M Couch
(Eng) 5-4; A Bounent (Eng) 5-2; J
Delaney (Iri) bt N Warler (Eng) 5-4; L
Griffin (Eng) bt A Bolsovers (Eng) 5-4; S
Bedford (Eng) bt S Source (Eng) 5-3; R
Makins (Eng) bt P Carney (Eng) 5-3; R
Makins (Eng) bt S O'Conner (Iri) 5-0; M
Molt (Eng) bt S Mazrocis (Eng) 5-1; M Campbell
(Sco) bt P Williams (Wal) 5-1; C Clark
(Sco) bt P Williams (Wal) 5-1; C Clark
(Sco) bt P Malekt (Eng) bt G Ponting (Eng)
5-4; A Burnett (Sco) bt K Payne (Eng) 5-3;
(White) (Eng) bt S Mazrocis (Eng) 5-2; O Finbow
(Eng) bt S Murphy (Iri) 5-2; S Pettman SNOOKER

|Engl bi S GM |Engl 5-2;) Weston (Engl bt C Scanlon |Engl 5-2; C Shade |Sco) bt L Richardson |Engl 5-4; A Davies |Mar) bt T Knowles |Engl 5-4; A Davies |Mar) bt M Bennett |Mal) 5-2; Powrsh qualitying research |Mar | Engl 5-4; A Gunnet |Engl 5-3; S Ohong |Mas) bt R Somauros |Mn) 5-3; E Barker (Engl bt T Finstad (Can) 5-2; M Geudens (Bel) bt J Quardy |Engl 5-4; P Cavrey (Engl bt P Phonbun (Tha) 5-1; O McDonsell |Engl 5 bt S Budd (Aus) 5-1.

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SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Elbe
Languar Covertry 52 Belle Vue 38, Golden Helmer March Race: G Hancock
(Coventry) bt J Screen (Belle Vue, holder), Presider Languar Berwick 52 Newport 38; Stole 39 Hull 50; Arena Essex
46 Edinburgh 44, Silver Hellmet
Matchrace Championship: L Lanham
(Arena Essex) bt K Little (Edinburgh,
holder), Brousze Helmet Matchrace
Championships Q Allan (Norfolk, holder) bt S Stead (Buston).

Nomen: Semi-finals: 5 Fitz-Gerald (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus) 10-8 9-7 9-1; M Martin (Aus) bt L Joyce (NZ) 9-2 9-2 0-9 7-9 9-3. Final: M Martin bt S Fitz-Gerald 9-4 2-9 9-8 9-5.

SWIMMING US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Clovis, California): Men: 200m In-dividual medies: 1 T Wilkens 2:01.80; 2 R Karnaugh 2:02.16; 3 T Dolan 2:03.26, 1,500m freestyle: 1 E Vendt 15:10.50; 2 C Thompson 15:14.42; 3 J

ATP CHAMPIONSHIP (Mason, Ohlo) Men's singles, somi-finals: P Rafter (Aus) bt Y Kalchikov (Rus) 7-5 6-0; P Sompras (US) bt M Larsson (Swe) 7-5 2-6 6-1. Sompras (US) of M. Lirson (Swe) 7-5
2-6 5-1.

SAN MARKINO CLAY COURT TOURNAMENT Men's singles, somi-finals:
M Puerta (Arg) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-2
3-6 6-3; D Hrbaty (Slovak) bt C Costa
(Sp) 6-0 4-6 7-6. Finals: Hrbaty bt Puerta 6-2 7-5
WITA BOSTON CUP (Boston, US)
Women's singles, semi-finals: M de
Swardt (SA) bt L Raymond (US) 4-6
6-4 7-5; B Schert (Aur) bt C Black (Zim)
6-2 2-6 6-2.
ACURA CLASSIC (Manhattas Beach,
California) Women's singles, semifinals: M Hing's (Swit) bt A Sanchez-Mc.

ACURA CLASSIC (Manbattan Banch, California) Whomen's singles, sentificable M Hingis (Swit) bt A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) 6-4 6-4: L Davenport (US) bt M Seles (US) 6-4 6-2.

LITA MEN'S SATELLITE (Worthing) Singles Hinal: M Lee (GB) bt L Milligan (GB) 7-5 7-6. Men's doubles Pinal: A Matheson & N Wheel (GB) bt A Fisher (Aus) & X Spencer (GB) 7-6-6-2.

GENORANK TOUR (Misse Worthing) G-Z.

GROBANK TOUR (West Worthing)
Men: Final: N Weal (Hampshire) br N
Watts (Wittshire) 6-2 6-2. Women:
Final: Lucrova (Rus) br K Warne-Hoi-land (Dorset) 6-4 6-2. Men's doubles
final: A Matheson (GB) and N Wheel
(GB) bt A Fisher (Aus) and K Spencer
(GB) 7-6 6-2.

MATICHARY (METERANCE CHAMPS)

NATIONAL VETERANS CHAMPI-ONSTEP (Wimbledon): Men: 45: P

MOLDO 6-3, INDIGENEES AND SECRETARY

OF Freeman 6-4, 6-4, 6-5; O Grundy by
O Hill 7-6-6-0, 60; G Thompson by J Pearce
2-6-6-1 6-2, 8-5; R Lauder w/O R Illingworth so; 70; K Davles by C HardwickDave 6-2-3-Oret.

LTA UNDER-18 NATIONAL CHARRYONSHIP'S (Biostingham) Boys: First
round: 5 Dickson (Cheshue) by T Clark
(Hertfordshire) 6-1 6-1; N Crawley (Norlolk) by C O Corne (Herts) 7-6-2-6-6-4; N
Ploskett (Nor-lolk) by I MacDonald (Olordshire) 6-3 2-6-6-3, O Sanger (Dorset)
by K Slappsk (Lancs) 6-0-6-0, N Greenhouse
(Surrey) by C Ostare (Hertfordshire) 7-56-8: B Archer-Closses (Marwickshire) by C
Watts (Dorset) 6-4-6-4; R Schinzer (Mail
by O legg (Surrey) 6-7-6-1 6-2; J Arckland
(Nactob) by N Bamford (Hertfordshire) 63-5-7-7-5; T Higgins (Essex) by T Poccot
(Sussex) 6-1-6-1; A Whar? (Gloucs) by B
Cramp (Lexs) 6-2-6-3; T Greenland (Orfordshire) by O Haldenby (Sulfolk) 6-4-6Cy Thomas (Herts) by S Rogers (Nor lolk)
6-3-3-6-3; B Flucher (Norfolk) by M Reps
(Herts) 6-0-6-7; O Shriley, Hent) by A
Perkins (Warwicks) 0-6-6-4-6-4, M Weaver
(Surrey) by I Flanagon (Mail) 5-7-6-4-6-4, G
Bamlord (Herts) by J Huss (Scot 6-1-2-6-3); B Colongtand (Hamps) by BRby (Yarls)
7-6-8-2: O Rieman (Durham & Cierchand)
by 8 McManus (Rent) 7-6-6-3; S Lockwood
(Suffolk) by J Plans (Dorset) 6-2-4-6-75; R Green (Berks) by M Yarls) 6-1
Crobree (Yorkshire) 6-2-6-1; L Childs (Somreset) by C Lewis (Mary 1-6-6-3; S Lockwood
(Suffolk) (Northumbertand) by O Oppe (Surrey) by R
Bloomfield (Northumbertand) by O Oppe (Surrey) by R

1 C Walker (Kawasaki) 20mins 20,632sec (ave speed 101,01mph); 2 N MacKensle (Cadburys Boost Yamana) 20:25,911; 3 Rutter 20:27,293; 4 Rymer 20:28,776; 5 Reynoids 20:29,055; 6 Lieverlyn 20:30,079; Festivast Laps Walker 48,252secs (ave speed 102 21mph) (outright fup recturi). Championship standings: 1 MacKensle 295;pts; 2 Histop 254; 3 Walker 216, Sauyo British 125oc Championship Romend 8 (28 taps): 11 Lougher (Honda) 24min 15,771sec (average speed 94,85mph); 2 P Jennings (Honda) 24:17,829; 13 A Notman (Honda) 24:17,829; Restess tage L Haskim (Honda) 24:17,829; Assess tage L Haskim (Honda) 51,165 (average speed 96,35mph); Championship standings: 1 C Palmer 113pts; 2 Lougher 96; 3 R Appleyard 93.

BERLET UK WOMEN'S LEAGUE; DNIston Two (Linerpool): 1 Esox Ladies
233pc; 2 Trafford 21a; 3 Covernoy Godiva 165; 4 Nedway 150; 3 Liverpool 132;
8 Wigan 124; 7 Thurrock 121; 8 Rothernam 65, Fixali positions: 1 Trafford 23;
2 Esox Ladies 22; 3 Covernoy Godiva 16;
4 Medway 16: 5 Liverpool 13; 6 Wigan
7; 7 Thurrock 7; 8 Rothertman 4 (Praiford and Esox Lodies promoted to Div
One); (Thurrock and Rothertman relegated to Div Three). Division Three Usisford): 1 Walefield 221pt; 2 Ashford
195.5; 4 Hallamshire 132; 3 City of Hull
119; 6 City of Stoke 114; 7 Derby Ladies
113; 8 Hourislow 52, Final positions: 1
Walefield 24; 2 Ashford 21; 3 Middlesbrough and Geveland 18; 4 City of Hull
14; 5 City of Stoke 10; 8 Hallamshire 10;
7 Derby Ladies 8; 6 Hounslow 3, (Ashford and Walefield promoted to Div 2);
[Derby Lodies and Hounslow relegated to
Div 4). ATHLETICS

AUSTRALIAN RULES AUSTRALIAN RULES
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[109] Collingwood 14.15 (99); Adelaide
18.10 (118) Geelong 6.8 (44); Western
Buildogs 15.9 (99) Sydney 15.7 (97);
Hawthorn 13.16 (94) Erisbare 7.17 (59);
Yesberday: Port Adelaide 10.11 (71) Melbourne 14.10 (94); Cartton 19.20 (134)
St Kilda 15.14 (104); West Coast Eagles
16.16 (1112) Richmond 11.7 (73). BADMINTON

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SINGAPORE GRANUD PRIK WORLD

SEREES Women: Semi-funds: 5 Susanti
(Indon) bt C Martin (Den) 3-11 11-6 11-2;
te Zhaoying (Ch) bt Geng Zhichao (Ch) 11-8

11-2. Funds: te Zheoying bt Susanti 11-5 6
11 11-2. Mest: Semi-funds: PG Oristensen
(Den) bt Yong Hock Vin (Malay) 17-15 5-15

15-9; H Hendrawan (Indon) br Sun Jun (Ch)

15-10 15-6. Funds: Hendrawan bt Christensen
(Den) 15-10 15-8.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE Friding: Boston 13

Minnesota 12: Cleveland 3 Baltimore 15:
Detrokt 13 Galdand 4; Foronto 5 Anaheim
7: New York Varinees 6 Texas 4; Chicago
White Sox 14 Seattle 2; Karsas City 11

Earnpa Bay 9. Saturdany: Chicago White Sox 14 Seattle 13; New York Varinees 5 Texas
16; Cleveland 8 Baltimore 9 (10 Innings): Texas 16 New York Yankees 5; Anaheim
6 Toronto 3 (11 Innings): Minnesota 3

Boston 2: Oakland 10 Detroit 8 (11 Innings): Tampa Bay 8 Kansas City 6 (11 Innings): Tampa Bay 8 Kansas City 6 (15 Innings): Texas 16 New York Yankees 5; Colorado 2

Peniladelphia 6: Artona 2 New York West St. Louis 10 Pittsburgh 5; Colorado 2

Philadelphia 6: Artona 2 New York Mess 3; Los Angeles 2 Adanta 5; San Diego 7

Milwaulee 0; San Francisco 4 Florida 3 (10 Innings); Atlanta 5 Los Angeles 3; Cincinati 6 Montreal 4; Colorado 7 Philadelphia 3; Houston 5 Chicago Cubs 4; St. Louis 8 Pittsburgh 7 (12 Innings); New York Mess 5 Arlsona 4. BASEBALL

BOWLS

MICHAELYS (Royal Lasminnon Spa): Shapeschip's (Royal Lasminnon Spa): Shapeschip's (Royal Lasminnon Spa): Shapeschip's (Normon Durham) bt G Mitchell (Kettering Lodge) 21-11. Niplase Championship, mair Cochester (L. Turn, J. Nicolson, B Brown) bt Yeovil (J. Whitlock, M. Monkton, E Bessell) 18-17.

MEN'S ALL ENGLAND CHAMPI-ONSHIP'S (Morthing): Nactonal Cluth Two Foorts, seath-finalist Mariborough (Suffolk) bt Popes Mead (Crawley) 49-25: Wigton (Cumbria) bt Clevedon (Somerset) 45-44. Finali: Mariborough (Suffolk) bt Wigton (Cumbria). Champion of champion singles, quarterplon of champion singles, quarterplon of champion singles, 111: A Smuth (Mellord on Auch) bt I Spreadborough (Salford on Auch) bt I Sp BOWLS

CYCLING

Chris Boardman won the 18.25-kilo-metres fifth and final stage time tri-al of the Tour de l'Aln between Jasseron and Bourg-en-Bresse yes-terday. Boardman, riding for Cred-

it Agricole clocked 20min 36sec to beat fellow Briton David Millard, TOUR DE L'AIN (18.25km thee trial, Jasserone to Bourg-en-Brewen,) Fifth stage: 1 C Boardman (68) 20min 36sec: 2 O Millard (68) + 0:09sec: 3 J Lehmann (66) 0:29: 4 V Call (Fr) 0:41: 3 G Gwiazdowsid (Fol) 0:45. Final owerall results: 1 C Gasperon (iz) 18th 01min 55sec: 2 A Galletti (Ir) 00:06: 3 V Gall (Fr) 02:11: 4 F Gabriel (Fr) 02:28: 3 5 Petilloau (Fr) 02:49. 02:49. TOUR OF DENMARK (150km from

TOURE OF DENMARK (150km from Hunding to Copenharks) Sacturilary's Sath stages 1 J Koerts (Neth) 3hr 17min 15ect: 2 A Ongarato (id same time: 5 F Colorate (ig: 4 A Petacolt) (id: 3 J Kristpun (id: 51: 6 S Schlawka (id: 7 T Brotta (Derd sat; 8 Foolo Betral (id: 9 S G Holosto) (Ror): 10 A Plaiks (lat) als same time: Final owneral resultar: 1 M Street (Bell 2 Ihr 21sec: 2 R Sorensen (Den) +54sec: 3 P Mehner: (Den) +1min 19sec: 4 G Hincapie (US) +1.41: 3 Hamtourger (Den) +1.51: 6 C McRae (US) +1.56: 7 J Pil (Den) +2.06: 8 P Bettin (it) +2.25: 8 M Kyneb (Den) +2.30: 10 M Husstija (Sloven) +2.32:

DIVING US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Ablanca, Georgia): 3st springboard final: Man: 1 O Pichier 644:1905; 2 M Ruiz 621.54; 3 T Nierneyer 620.40. Woman: 1 M Davison 505.35; 2 J Keim 502.23; 3 E Sorgi 491.76.

EQUESTRIANISM

AACHEM INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW (Germany): Saturday's Licher Privachranerul Prize: 1 Dover (L Dritz. Br) 0 faults. 37.80sc; 2 P 5 Priamos (L Beerbaum, Ger) 0 faults. 37.99: 3 Dober's Centro (O Beches, Ger) 0 faults. 40.10: 4 Montemorelos La Silia (J Tops. Neth) 0 faults. 42.20: 5 Viroual Village Ashley (M Whitaker, GB) 4 faults. 37.54; 8 Apricot O | H Smoot, Aut) 4 faults. 39.14.

O | H Smon, Aut | 4 Faults, 39.14.

DOUBLEPRINT BRUTISH HORESE TRIALS

CHARRPOORSHEPS (discounde Park):
British Open Champlonstrip: 1 Roady

Reddy (8 Tair, NZ) 51.8 peralties; 2 Too

Smart (K Dison, GB) 53.6: 3 Buckley

Province (A Hoy, Aus) 54.3: 4 Rainbow

Magic (P Funnell, GB) 57.1: 3 Chesserfeld

(8 Tair, NZ) 59.3: 8 Shear HZO (I. Law, GB

) 60.7. Advanced Section 2: 1 GRI Edge

(0 O'Connor, US) 45: 2 Prince Panache (K

O'Connor, US) 51: 5 Jagermeister (A

Nicholson, NZ) 51.

FOOTBALL MILS: Miami Fusion 3 New York/New Jes-

Britain's Chris Williams won the Malaysian Masters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday after a dramatic play-off. Williams won at the fourth extra hole Williams won at the fourth extra hole with 8 20-foot putt to beat Zaw Moe. Warren Bennett, the 26-year-old from Watford, won his fourth Chal-lenge Tour in the past six weeks when he stormed to victory in the

lenge Tour in the pask six meets when he stormed to victory in the Russian Open at the Moscow Country Club. A closing round of 64 left him on 18-under-par 270 and seven strokes clear.

RISSIAN OPEN (Massous) Landing Business course (68 or in mises seased): 270 W Bennett 68 71 67 64. 277 R Gonzalez (Arg. 65 71 73 68; M Angeler (Swe) 68 67 73 69.

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70 283 K Valnoia (Fin) 69 73 74 67: 8 Teleria (Fi) 71 72 70 70: C Harsel (Swe) 73 68 70 77. 282 J Wake (Aus) 68 73 73 72: R Valnoia (Fin) 69 71 74. 286 0 Lee 73 70 75 68: L Stanford 70 72 74 70: F Howkey 72 68 72 74 287 S Wakefield 70 72 77 68: O A Russell 73 77 74 297 R Johnson 72 70 80 75.

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Sins 67 76 77 74. 297 R Johnson 72 70 80 75.

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does not include last night's game between St Helen's and Bradford

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Workington: Tries Close, Roden;
Goals Branthwaite 2. Batley: Tries
Cass. Marth, Myers. Price; Goals Price 6. (561)



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Taiki Shuttle puts Japan on fast track

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

IF, AS many have suggested, Japan becomes the major racing power, they will be able to trace back the story with archive footage entitled eight days which shook the equine world. Taiki Shuttle won the main event of a Gallic weekend yesterday, the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, much the same as his compatriot, Seeking The Pearl, had done in Normandy last 5unday. Rather aptly, the world now seems to be

the oyster for Japanese racing. It may be salutary to oote that while the Duc de Morny was perfecting Deauville, and its racecourse, as a swanky venue for the Parisian smart set in the early 1860s, Japan was

still ruled by the shoguns. The Land of the Rising Sun has changed considerably since then but, over a century on, Deauville is essentially the same. The proletariat may feel a little left out as they survey a resort of casinos, polo fields and golf courses. An accompaniment to this fine living has usually been a home sweep in the hig races, but things are beginning to change. It's all be-

coming a little inscrutable.

of the Japanese-American

ed pool. He should know better. The Japanese horse, who has been hilleted at Tony Clout's Lamorlaye yard, was not to know this, however. More pressing a problem for Taiki Sbuttle was racing down a straight mile for the first time. This peculiarity unsettled him

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Grey Princess (Windsor 3.30) NB: Mousehole (Windsor 4.30)

for the first two furlongs, and tested the strength of the wily old man of Japanese racing,

Yukio Okabe. The pulling was oot entirely debilitating, however, and Taiki Shuttle still possessed something in reserve for the maelstrom of the final furlong. Godolphin's Cape Cross weot by him, but his advantage was clawed back. Another Britishbased horse, Among Men, threatened in the closing Taiki Shuttle was seot off at a ludicrous price of 30-100 oo Taiki Shuttle woo by half a

the Pari-mutuel, largely, it is length and a short-head from thought, because of the actions Among Men and Cape Cross.

"This win was brilliant for owner, Gary Tanaka He is re- racing," Michael Tabor, the ported to have sunk 2m francs runner-up's owner, said. "You (about £200,000) into a distort- really cannot complain at the way Among Men has run here." Taiki Shuttle, Japan's cham-

pion miler, has now won 10 of

his 11 races and over £2.37m in prizemoney. He has collected three Grade One races in his homeland and may now be on the prowl for further baubles outside his regular sphere. "This is one of my greatest racing days," Yushiki Akazawa, the winning owner, said. "This horse has a wonderful mental ability as well as strength. We are considering keeping Taiki Shuttle in France for the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp next

mooth hefore going on to the Breeders' Cup and then a stud

career in Japan." Following Yutaka Take's reputation-restoring performance on Seeking The Pearl, this was another advertisement for the Fuchu weighing room. Okabe, who will be 50 this year, is a member of racing's old school, more a Duffield than a Dettori. He has partnered over 2,400 winners and refuses to answer questions about when he will hang up his riding boots and disappear into the rising sun. 60 races in the United States

worth pushing all that much as the jockey has finished in tha top 10 of his domestic champi-

onship for all but two years

since 1973. He has also ridden

It is probably not a point and has landed the Japan Cup night. Running Stag's victory in

However, Okabe has never won the Prix Gontaut-Biron, which was undoubtedly a point Philip Mitchell would have been stressing in his Epsom local last French hospitality.

the Group Three contest earlier on Deauville's card was not only one of Mitchell's best results, it was also confirmation that Britain too can abuse

guidance of Ray Cochrane, swept clear for a three-length success over fellow Blighty travellers. The John Dunloptrained Garuda was second, and Lord Of Men, who won this afternoon.

Running Stag, under the race for John Gosden 12 months ago, completed the frame. "Everything went perfectly today," Mitchell reported. Another little man was to repeat that sentiment later in the

WINDSOR

2.00 Pegnitz 3.30 Lively Jaco 4.00 Dangerous Dancer (nb) 2.30 Creon 4.30 Mousehole

3.00 DOKOS (nap) GOING: Good to Firm.

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If Figure-of-eight course, Level, with sharp turns, and long straights.

If Course is N of town on A308 near junction 6 of MA. Stations at Windsor Central (service from London, Pacidington) and Windsor Filverside (service from London, Waterfloo) tri. River Dus stops at course, ADMISSION; Club E14; Tattersalis £10; Silver Ring £4.

CAR PARK: Club E2; remainder £1.

If LEADING TRAINERS: R Habston 36-263 (13.7%), Skr M Stoute 13-56 (23.2%), J Geoden 11-56 (16.7%), P Cole 11-93 (18.9%), H Cecil 10-31 (32.3%), C Wall 10-67 (14.9%).

If LEADING JICKEYS: Rat Eddary 42-21 (19.9%), T Cuinn 30-163 (12.3%), Paul Eddary 12-136 (8.9%), M Roberts 10-104 (8.9%), S Sentiors 9-126 (71.%), M Hills 8-86 (8.4%).

If FAVOURTIES: 188-5-0 (32.9%).

FAVOURITES: 168-50 (329%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Juyboo Silver (200); Etrick (300); First Legacy (visored,

	4.00	, 24	ma (resolt -
	2	,00	WEATHERBYS TURF NEWSPAPERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penaity Value £3,669
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	3 4		COPERANCUS (831) [Christopher Wright] P Cole 96
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	4	66	KIRILOV (5) (R N Bracher) R Armstrong 9 6
Į	-	ma	MASSENET (79) (Shekh Mehanmari) Greeten 9 6

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BETTING: 5-2 Pegnitz, 6-1 Magnenot, Mysterious Ecology, 13-2 Coperators, 8-1 Star Fenting, 10-1 Mr Hamed, Campari, 12-1 others 1997 Aerleon Pete 3 9 0 J Red 4-1 (Sr M Stoute) drawn (5) 12 tan

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Bollium: Looks fairly ordinary on both efforts, persoularly his 17 lengths fourth of 8 to Willy Willy at Lingfield frm 1f mich) and has plenty to find

ways at ungages (m) in many and has petmy to who Copernature: Half-trother to sprinter top Bonana. Nech second to Pedro on Wiolwarhampton at-weather (im) 11 months ago. Market the best guide after lay-off Obstinct Piyer: 100-1, always behind when 23 lengths 22nd of 25 to Cloak Of Derkness here (im 2) in June. Little obvious chance Kirliow, Bester ettert when, weakened over 21 out, 8 lengths state of 9 to Cuttlet Sandown

(m.2). Little obvious chance and more likely to be a force in hardicage. Massanet: Looked one for the future when, one pace final 31, 16 lengths third of 7 to Nedaw at Goodwood (1m 41) in June. Worth noting in the betting Mr Hamad: Rambow Cuest colt. Little sign of ability when 14-1 always behind. Sixth of 7 to Lear Spear at Sandown (fm) on debut

Pegnitz: One-time Derby hope. Outstanding chance on length third to Rabah at Good-wood (tim 1f) in May and also the one to best on short-head second to Be Gone at New-castle (tim 1f) following lay off. Stable in good form

Ster Partisey: Sky Classic gelding out of winning sprinter Wandels Dream. Tominizewskib Polish Precedent coll, half-brother to numerous winners including the usehu Scarlet Plume. Worth a check in the market Compact: Showed Imited ability in five purentle outings, finish 4% lengths find to Naskhi (gave 3b) in a Pontefract im nursery. Sidefined for ten months and difficult to fancy Junybee Silver: Pirst outing in 11 months for this former Mark Tompkins selling plater, who

was viscored on her final juvenile start and is blinkered here. Hard to fancy Mysterious Ecology: Sidelined since 6 lengths fourth of 17 to Taverner Society at Kemp-ton (hm) after slow start 11 months ago. Possible outsider with stable in form ton (m) are som sear in main a oper-cased observing sequential information of the ability shown by PEGNITZ in Pattern company marks him out as the one to be of this company. He was below his best at Newcastle last time, but a mere repeat of that effort might be good enough to cope with the slow-majuring Massesset, who appears the most talented of some moderate opposition.

2.30 QUORTINA CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (CLASS D) 55,000 added 3YO 1m 3f 135yds Penalty Value 53,747

D-340 THRASHING (16) Sheed Mannay C British 87. D Holland 11
4:500 INNO DARKS (16) E John Perry R Harmon 97. R Highest
3334 CREON (39) Mohammed Al Nabouda) L Current 98. R Highest
64:02 REST MASTER (16) (These Lucy Parinestrip) Mass & Koleway 92. J. Fellon
64:03 GOLDEN REPRIMAND (51) (George E K Yeo) R Harmon 81. Dens O'Nell
300440 RHERN HILL (12) (The Danchi Connection I Plants 89. A Clark
653 GERESIOUS WAYS (57) (Cairsborough Stud Managemen) E Duniqu 81. J. Cairon
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3.00 COMPLETE GROUP STAKES (CLASS C) £7,750 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £4,909

Salmon Ladder 5 8 6 Pat Eddery 10-11 fav (P Cole) drawn (4) 6 run

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Dokoa: 1997 Wood Ditton winner. Appeared to have overcome define of statis when, kept on well, 11% langures third of 8 to Sadeya at Newmarket (Im 25) on first run for 15 months. Has big end-of-session engagements and is likely to improve good deal Greatlander. Yet to build on juvenile province, stillhough good 6 langures tiffin to Sessings. Springs in Danie. Stidented arrole last to Dr Fong at Royal Ascot and diffout to assess Eco Friendly: Rated dessic contender after bedeen Group 3 win in France last term and divided Coursous and Muhitathin at Sendown (Im 25) in April. Stidented since Chence at weights but long absence and ground a concern (best form in muct). Euristic New Zealand import. Probably best watched first run here Mountain Song: 14 length third to King Of King at Currayi last form. Falled to two up to promese of correlated second to Stience Reigns at Doncaster when 8 lengths seth of 10 to Happy Vetentine at Kempton (Im 25) but could take a hand Publishm: Lodied a tremendous prospect when beating Star Crystella neckon his farmouth (Im) debut last arm but a huge individual and clearly difficult to train. Usely to be prethy straight for correlated and worth noting in the merket.

VERDICT: Expectations are clearly high that Dokos will make the grade, and his reappearance third at Newmarket suggests he retains pierty of ability. But he has had plenty of problems and a more retable proposition could be MOUNTAIN SONG, whose sixth to Heppy Valentine at Kempton gives him a fair chance against some

Taiki Shuttle (Yukio Okabe) beats Among Men (left) in the Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville yesterday

3.30 49'S NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £7,198 3403 LEARNED FRIEND (19) (J.C Smith) R Harmon 67... 3403 LEARNED FRIEND (18) LC Smith R Harmon 6 7 Dane C'Melli 6

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2600 COLLEGE MUSIC (8) (D) LT B Recing (7) Mirran 7 2 D Marragh (8) (1) T B Recing (8) (1) 10 S443M LADY PEPPIATT (25) (D) (Novin Reddington) JS Moore 7 10...

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FORM GUIDE Learned Friend: Not procressing as promeed when 3 lengths fourth to Nimite at New Selection of the second of the complete Hist Newbury (8). Tought sets on latest effort.

Grey Princess: Sightly diseppointing when beelen 2 lengths by First Musical over CD following wins here and at Salabury but on a useful mark and has to be on shortlist.

College Musics: Early-season Newcastle winner. Found to have back problem wher 27 lengths last of 8 to Courtesen at Ponteiract (6). Possibly best ventred for present. On I Say: Early-ease on writer here and at Notifice/hasm. Generally below form since spart from faurith to Double Choice et Lecastra. Did not appear to stoy 8 last time. Benningham Bressa; Looks reasonably treeted on 21/4 lengths fourth to Bodferi Straet at Haydock last morth. Subsequent efforts disappointing (tried in visor) but booking of

smart claimer Neil Pollard could be alonificant smarr carrier ream reams could be agricult to the foreign of the foreign and the foreign with over Sengeard fork at formouth (61) but may have more to give Kurnleng: First real sign of ability when staying on 6 lengths fourth to Dith Ofen in slow-ly-run 6 Chepstow mattern last time. Has since joined Rod Milloren from Martyn Meade and looks interesting contender but might need further Bursty: Staying on wall when 2½ longifts tourth to Shirley Not at Chester (51) and could Improve again over this trip. Stable has a good record in nurseries Lady Peopletic Bester in selling class before landing Southwell all-weather deliner Looks fairly well exposed and has stiff task from 4th out of the handicap

VERDICT: GREY PRINCESS had some useful sorts behind when winning at Salebury end it may pay to ignore her subsequent defeat by First Musical. She appeals en one of the best treated and has the bonus of a 7th claimer to put her on an entioning merk. Kuralanig looks an interesting candidate for Rod Milman, and it would be fool-ight to rule out Lively Jacq, who may have more to give.

4.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E)

£4,600 added 2YO fillies 5f 10yds Penalty Va	ue £3,290
22 DANGEROUS DANCER (12) (BF) (Stephen Crown) 6 Hills 6 11	
CANDELLING (G H Dodsworth) T Watson 68	a Badger (7) 11
844 NOR'S INVESTMENT (89) (WIM Party) D Esworth 8 6	N Pollerd (5) 13
SKEP CHURCH (Lord Huntington) Lord Huntington 89	
DO BROCKTON SAGA (S) (Mrs D A La Tiobe) 8 Moethers 9 4	G Herroop (7) 1
60 RRST LEGACY (81) (Mel Britain) M Brittain 84	Jernagh (7) 6 V
PANISIBLE (The Penable Parinantists) D Artschnot 6 4	S Whitecorth 2
5 PETROVNA (14) (Dr Susan Barnes) P Gligen 8 4	
50 ROBNOOR GERL (54) (Jimm Pacing) R Harmon 8 4	
6 MESS TRAXIDATA (12) (Traxibita) M Bell 6 2	
636 PRESELI MAGIC (16) (The Presell Partnership) D Hoydn Jones 82	M Roberts 4
5 SEREN TEG (c) Days A.G. Philips) B Palling 8 2	
6 VEGA NEUTRAL (90) (Jame Donover) P Shakespeere 62	

- 13 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Desgerous Denser, 0-1 hvor's investment, 8-1 Presell Megic, 18-1 Miles Trans Seren Teg. 12-1 Stdp Church, Rossour Girl, 14-1 others

Designates Denour Showed enough when second to Riberac here and when 1% length runner-up to Yabrit E Sharm at Leicester (6) to suggest she will be good enough Candelline: Robelino this out of el winner by Candelight.
Nor's Investment: Continued her steady Improvement when 6 lengths fourth of 10 behind fled Delhirm at Goodwood (6) in May, Capable of a bold show but 13-week absence a work.

hind Field Delhitm at Goodwood (et) in way, capeate or a post serior as a con-serior a worry. Side Charekt filly, half-enter to writing sprinter Trentainto. Bred to be speechy but stable youngsters usually need the experience. Brockloon Segar Pavested some signs of stability when 12 lengths mith or 14 to Deadly Nightshade at Bath (3) but has planty to find. First Legeby: Creditable first run when 10 tengths sorth to Pipelong at York, (5t) in May but flooped deat of 13 or Musesburgh need time. Vecined here and possibly best watched Pavestible: Mujetili filly out of Kentucky Wildcat, helf sister to Safe Sharp Jo. Patrovins: 50-1 when, westerned inside last furforig. 9 lengths fittin of 18 to Miss Universe Over C/D Possible Improver.

Dier C/D Possible Improver
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at Folkestone but looked a tricky ride next time and is hard to terroy in this company
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65) under a considerate hide and could improve enough at lake at lend.
Vegal Neutral: 50-1, showed early speed when 4 lengths tenth of 14 to She-Wolff on
Bath of debut in Mey. This extra furlang could be a problem

VERDICT: DANGEROUS DANCER has shown sufficient in her two bugins to suggest she will have all the answers in what tooks a very moderate heat. I vor's liver ment, whose commissions rarely huny their youngsters, looks the obvious danger

4.30 MARLOW ADDITIONAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 5f 10yds Penalty Value £2,162

FORM GUIDE

Mousehole: Continued his run of good efforts when overcoming trouble to best Bramble Bear 11/4 lengths at Beth 63). 11b above best winning mark but in form and well drawn Rectle Tigne: Seems to have lost the form that earned him a English wen from 25b lower in June. Already besten when hampened behind Mousehole as Beth 63) bridian Salver Looked a decent prospect when placed at Kempton and York lost seeman.

Indian Silver: Looked a decent prospect when placed at Kempton and York last season but has shown nothing in three outing this season. Bettiansk Lingdisk wither in June. Seamed to be feeling effects of a busy campaign last two starts and looks in the handicapper's grip for the present. Zappoc Namow winner at Lingdisk in June from 2to lover. Rumming well and not best of luck when 7 lengths stidin of 14 to Half Tone at Sandown (5) last time. Go close. Sky Radt Neck witner from Marino Street in S-rumer "Aremouth handicap last time. 2to lower here and closely weighted with Zappo on sarlier Bath rumming. Major candidate Dancing Mystery: Lite luck in running time starts since beating Stock Hill Dancer "/, langth over C/D is June from 4th lover. Showled himself still in good form when ninth to Double Ocear from poor clane at Geodwood and goes well for appreciation. Friendly Bravet Winner from 17to higher on all-weather last backend. Best run for long while when never nearbs 2 lengths 5th of 15 to Makadene over C/D test time.

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DANCING MYSTERY, whose effort behind the better drawn Double Oscar at Good-wood makes good reading now. With fairly experienced handing, he is on the right mark to best Mousehole, Zeppo, Sity Red and Neltie North, who can all be given chances of sorts.

HAMILTON

2.15 Beau Roberto 2.45 Falls O'Moness 3.15 Who's Miletrian 3.45 Bestemor 4.15 Golden Biff 4,45 Trojan Hero

GOING: Soft.

STALLS: Im & 1m11 - Insade; remainder - stands; side.

ORAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51 and 51.

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III LEADING TRAINERS: M Johnston 38-36 (205%), J Berry 36-239 (51%), Miles L. Perstatt 23-270 (85%), F Hastlam 21-702 (206%), III LEADING JOCKEYS: J Weaver 48-59 (265%), K Darley 33-59 (165%), J Fortune 30-148 (205%), J Carroll 29-227 (128%).

III FAVOURITES: 232-607 (365%).

II LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Glen Ogli (2.45), Who's Miles-

ELING DISTANCE RUNNERS: Gien Ogli (245), Who's Mile-trism (315) and Carneo (445) travel 367 miles BLINKERED PIRST TIME: Beverley Monkey (365), Double Power (445), Millestime (visored, 445).

2.15 RACING CHANNEL LIVE AT LUNCHTIME APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 4f

- 9 secured -RETTING: 7-2 Urgent Repty, 4-1 Berr Roberto, Nordrett Joy, 9-2 Lord Advocata, 0-1 Sparten Ropala, Incheboy, 10-1 Portile Sophio. 14-1 Juliete

FORM VERDICT This weakly-contristed race affords a good opportunity for URGENT REPLY, who was set for too much to do in an am-ation riders' race last time. Previously in excellent form, he is readily preferred to the consequent Beau Roberto.

2.45 RACING CHANNEL TALKING HORSES SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m 1f 36vds

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Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weights: My Handsome prince 7st 72, Agent Princess 7at 6th. BETTING: 5-1 Winston, 8-1 Palls O'Montés, 7-1 Celebration Celas, 8-1 Queen Of Stammon, Weltz Tisse, Wenterlage Led, 16-1 Glar Ogil, Mrs

FORM VERDICT There is plenty of deed wood here; only a handful make ge-ricus appeal. Queen Of Shermon, consistent at this level and Bass the ground will be popular but does look vulnerable at the weights so portraps the dropped in grade SARATOGA RED can capitalise on a handy looking mark.

3.15 RACING CHANNEL TRAINER FILES

added 2YO 6f 5yds
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This will take title withing and, despite his 104-day absence
WHO'S MILETRIAN should open his account. Smoldin an
Beverley Mankey can fight out the forecast spot.

3.45 CAPTAIN J.C. STEWART MEMORIAL HAND-ICAP (CLASS D) 55,000 added 1m 65yds

= 14 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Sestence, 7-1 Prior Of Pendle, Analco, 8-1 Switt, Tipperary Sureot, Donne's Double, 10-1 Nagam Rocks, Pleasure Trick, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

Filey Brigg can be given a chance if recepturing her juve-nile form but TIPPERARTY SUNSET tooled to be returning to his best last time and gets the vote. Bestempor has cleared if handling the cort ground while Swift and Kemo Sabo an

4.15 E.B.F. RACING CHANNEL AVAILABLE ON TELEWEST MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YQ 6f CLARINCH CLAYMORE J.Jefferson 60 Pears 10

FORM VERDICT This looks an ideal opportunity for SPY to open his account. He looked a sure-fire tuture winner after running Hyphen close at Newcastle last time and may have most to fear from Tur-

4.45 SUNDAY MAIL ROCKAYON HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 5f

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BETTING: 8-1 Yaqim Haro, 7-1 Captain Carat, 8-1 Makazada, 10-1 Dabai Masa Petium, Superirile, 12-1 BIS-Em, Heyburner, Ref Moor, 14-1 others FORM VERDICT

it was a definite advantage to be drawn high last week and on that besis DOUBLE POWER in the 15 stall gets the noc. Eliniters first-time can cometimes be off putting but they may just sharpen Double Power up after 8 46-day absence. She acts well in the soft and the drop back to the minimum trip will also suit. It may not be ideal for Trojan Hero, a solid secand here lest week over St and Biff-Em and Dubai Nurse, who fanished behind, may take their revenge. Superfrills and Miskarrab are others to consider.

Nunthorpe juveniles

wants to let his two-year-old Speedy James take on older rito convince the colt's owner to est effort at Chester. go for the Group One sprint

However, Bryan McMahon is committed to running his juvenile Perugino Bay. McMahon is hoping for the best from Perugino Bay, winner of a nursery at York last month.

Both trainers will saddle older horses, with Berry full of hope King's Stand Stakes win-

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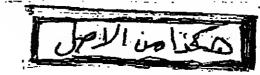
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THE TRAINER Jack Berry oer Bolshoi can put a poor run at Chester behind him. McMahon hopes his Palace House vals in the Nunthorpe Stakes at Stakes winner Yorkies Boy can York on Thursday but still has also bounce back from a mod-William Hill make John Dun-

lop's July Cup winner Elnadim the 6-4 favourite. NUNTHORPE STAKES William Hill; 64 Bhadim 7-2 Arkadian Hero.
5-1 Land Of Dreams, 10-1 Lochanger 11-1
Bolshoi, 12-1 Bolin Joanne Seinte Manne.
18-1 Bishops Court, 20-1 My Best Valentine,
28-1 Speady James, 33-1 Avent, Easycall
Yorkies Boy, 40-1 Dashing Blue Rambing
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Hungarian Grand Prix: German closes gap to seven points as Hakkinen finds trouble with his McLaren

Schumacher proves sublime

By DERICK ALLSOP in Budapest

TRITE HIM off at your peril. Just when it seemed even Michael Schumacher was powerless to prevent Mika Hakkinen's relentless march towards the world championship, the Ferrari driver put on a virtuoso performance here yesterday

that keeps the contest alive. As Schumacher went clear to win the Hungarian Grand Prix, Hakkinen was wrestling his broken McLaren-Mercedes to sixth place. Now they are separated by only 7 points with four races remaining

This twist in the saga, the significance of the occasion and the sheer brilliance of Schumacher's driving were reflected in the scenes of jubilation at the end. A cause was reborn,

The German, under guidance from his technical director and mentor, Ross Brawn. opted for a three-stop strategy rather than the two favoured by McLaren, and then called on his unrivalled ability to pour on the pace and tilt the balance of the grand prix.

Having taken the lead after his second stop, he was set his target to facilitate a third visit to the pits - open up a 25-second advantage in 19 laps.

As Schumacher went about his task, Hakkinen's carwas rendered impotent by a suspected shock-absorber failure and David Coulthard, taking over in second place at the wheel of the ther McLaren, had no answer o the irresistible force.

Schumacher emerged from his third stop comfortably ahead and the 32nd victory of his career was assured, despite an unscheduled trip across the grass on the 52nd lap. Coulthard came in a dejected second, 9.43sec down, Jacques Villeneuve was again third for the revived Williams team, and Damon Hill fourth to confirm Jordan's resurgence.

"It was fantastically emotional at the end," Schumacher said. "The people went mad. Thanks to them for helping me and making this one of my most special wins.

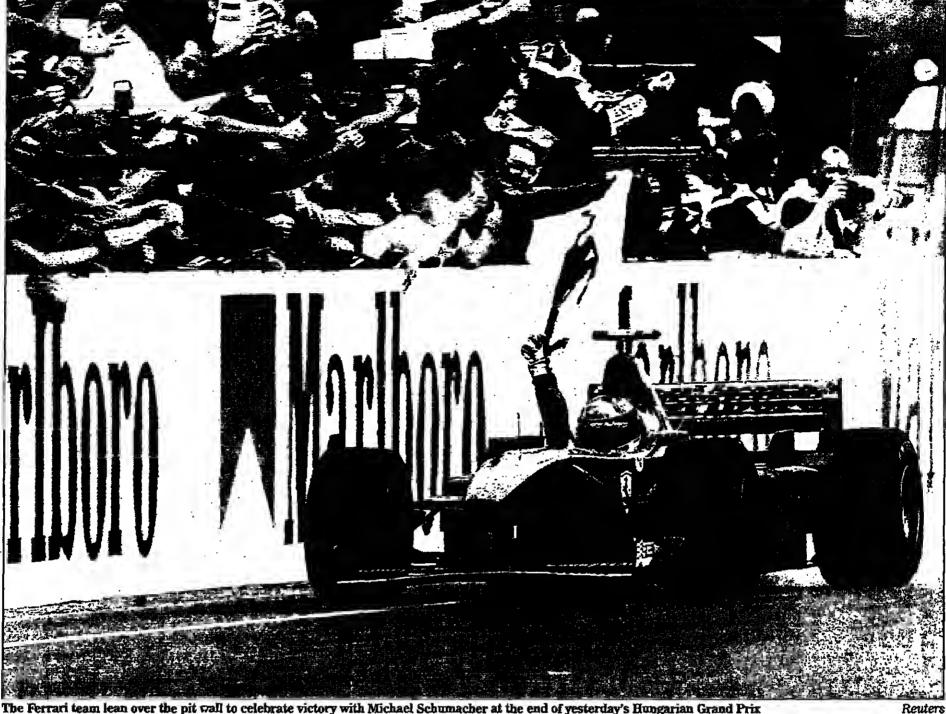
like this might happen, but I thought it was only a dream. I could not expect this. The team bt the right strategy and did Tgreat job.

"It didn't work at the start and I had to push like hell when Ross decided to go for the three stops. When he told me what I had to do, I said 'thanks very much'. It was like 60 qualifying laps in all, but it worked."

Schumacher, starting third on the grid behind Hakkinen and Coulthard, was held at bay in the first sector of the race and found himself tracking Villeneuve after his first stop. It was at that stage Brawn took the decision to make an extra stop.

McLaren responded by hringing in Coulthard, then Hakkinen, hut they had been outwitted by Ferrari and the inifiative had been ceded. Schumacher was in front and off the

"I couldn't understand when I couldn't see Mika ahead of me." Schumacher said after- he's done it before."



The Ferrari team lean over the pit wall to celebrate victory with Michael Schumacher at the end of yesterday's Hungarian Grand Prix

wards. "I didn't realise he was already behind me."

"I had a dream something performance and became almost uncontrollable. Coulthard was handed the responsibility of chasing Schumacher, but it was a forlorn challenge.

A disconsolate Coulthard said: "The pace Michael was able to run at before his last stop was phenomenal I just wasn't able to push. It was impossible once he was ahead. It was a remarkable performance by Michael. My tyres were done 15 laps from the end. With hindsight, you have to say the three-

stop strategy was right." Brawn, whose calm, calculated guidance played a significant part in Schumacher's two championship successes at Benetton, rated this victory

"pretty high up with his best".
"Michael always rises to the occasion. We started the race with an open strategy, but once we were behind we had to go for the three stops. It was a gamble, but then we had nothing to lose. I told him what he had to do and it was asking a let, but

taken from him: by Villeneuve, perhaps precious, point.

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Hakkinen was like a man then Hill, then Heinz-Harald shackled to a chair as thieves Frentzen in the other Williams.

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He said: "It was very frustrating sitting there, unable to

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was just undriveable and almost impossible to keep on the road.

was nothing I could do. The car for me and the championship,

next race I shall be looking for That race is at gium, Schumacher's spiritual

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home, where he has won four times. He said: "It seems to be a hicky place for me, close to my home and a special circuit I love it and I am looking forward to going there, There's no reason why we shouldn't be competitive again. We have made improvements and we have more to come."

but I am still leading and in the

Hill's rehabilitation continues, even if he could not quite match his results of recent years here. Five previous visits have yielded two wins and three second places.

He said: "It's my worse result for six years, but I can't be disappointed. Fourth place was realistically the best I could hope for this time. I had two tough battles, with Jacques and then with Heinz-Harald. I was exhausted at the end of it. It was a very hard race for me."

Johnny Herbert finished 10th in his Sauber Petronas and Eddie Irvine was forced to retire his Ferrari with a hroken gearbox after 13 laps.

Rydell stays on track in the wet

BY NICK PHILLIPS

RICKARD RYDELL, the British Touring Car Championship leader, managed to put one disastrous race hehind him and keep his points lead looking healthy by finishing third for Volvo in the second event at Knockhill in Scotland.

The veteran former grand prix driver Derek Warwick scored his first touring car win for Vauxhall and the series man of the moment, Anthony Reid, in his Nissan, took the other.

Warwick's win came in an extraordinary feature race in which the miserable weather at the Scottish track played a full

The track was almost dry when the race started and Warwick was immediately in trouble. Honda's James Thompson had stalled at the front of the grid and, as cars behind swerved, there was a clash in which Warwick was involved. This resulted in his team-mate John Cleland, bravely racing with cracked ribs, being pushed off into the gravel trap and re-

Reid had made a great start from pole, but his lead disappeared when the safety car was scrambled to allow Cleland's car to be moved to safety. As the field followed the safety car Warwick pitted twice - once to have body damage natched up and then, as the rain started falling, for deepgrooved wet weather tyres.

For several laps it looked as though Warwick's gamble had failed. The track was not as wet as his team predicted it would hecome - just yet.

At the front Reid had spun off after contact with Renault's Alain Menu, who moved into the

When the rain became heavier all the top runners headed for the pits and Warwick worked his way into the lead. Of the rest, Rydell and Audi's Yvan Muller timed their stops best, while Menu lost time with a sticking wheel nut.

Before the end, Muller had passed Rydeli to take second place - his and Audi's first podium finish of the year. Rydell was third, with Menu fourth and Reid seventh.

Rydell's day had started badly when he was a victim of a first-corner fracas in the sprint race. He then had to watch his three closest rivals in the points table take the podium places.

Reid led throughout from pole position, never looking seriously threatened by the chasing pack, and the Scot went on to take his first ever win on home soil.

Thompson was second from Menu, with Muller providing all the action with a series of sometimes robust moves which took him from sixth place up to third, before a failed challenge Ior second put him back to fourth,

Rydell still holds the upper hand, but with six rounds left to run, Menu, Reid and Thompson are all still well in the hunt.

Sampras gets back into the groove Henman on way up

PETE SAMPRAS moved one victory away from regaining the world No 1 ranking after overcoming the big-serving Swede Magnus Larsson 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 for a place in the ATP Championship final in Cincinnati.

But the Wimbledon champion was given a tough time by Larsson and dropped his first set of the tournament before setting up a showdown with the US Open champion, Patrick Rafter in the final, which was

defend his title successfully against the Australian to take Davis Cup final last winter. back the top spot from Marcelo Rios when the new rankings are released today.

Sampras will have started favourite as he has beaten Rafter eight times and suffered his only loss against the Australian as far back as 1993. The Chilean Rios snatched

the top ranking away last Monday, but promptly lost his first

to be played late last night. sition in danger Larsson had Sampras will have needed to beaten Sampras in their last reached his second final in as WTA Tour title in three months. three meetings, including the

> serve. It's like it's coming down a row. from a crane," said Sampras. "He beat me three times last year and he steamrolled me in the second set. But I got that early break in the third and he seemed to give up a bit."

Rafter is coming into form at just the right time with the defence of his Open crown in cess at Flushing Meadow. match this week to put his po- New York just a fortnight away.

many weeks by beating Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov 7-5, 6-0 "He's got a devastating for his minth singles victory in

> "This is my best effort so far, nine straight winning matches," he said. "The whole game's come together. I'm serving well, volleying pretty well, hitting my groundstrokes OK." But Rafter admits that he faces a hard task to repeat his 1997 suc-

> > Martina Hingis put herself in

PONTEFRACT

semi-finals of the Manhattan Beach event in California. The second seed Lindsay

Daven-port, hrushed aside American compatriot and fourth seed Monica Seles 6-4 6-2 to book a meeting with the 17year-old Swiss. Hingis last won a tourna-

ment in May and is gearing up to defend her US Open title at the end of this month.

chance of climbing above Greg by beating Spain's Arantxa Rusedski for the first time in the Dutchman was defending Sanchez Vicario 6-4, 6-4 in the more than a year during the Wimbledon last year. coming week.

Not only does Henman, now world No 11, move to within a mere 300 points or so of Rused-ski when today's world rankings are announced, he has by far the more favourable draw of the two Britons in this week's event at New Haven, Connecticut.

Henman has been seeded

The most serious threats to Henman en route seem to be the ATP Championship in either the hard-serving American Jonathan Stark or the subtle Frenchman Fabrice Santoro, the only male top-30 player to use two hands on both

By contrast Rusedski, sixth in the world, but certain to fall sixth at the upgraded Pilot Pen in the rankings, will play his first and the ankle he injured in June

quarter-final against Richard against a tough opponent. This Krajicek, whom he beat when is Magnus Larsson, the skyscraper Swede, whose ferocious hitting troubled Pete Sampras in the semi-finals of

> The British No 1 has been seeded third at the RCA Championships in Indianapolis, and though he has a first round bye he may find it hard to progress.

Cincinnati on Saturday.

Rusedski has been practising for less than three weeks. International, with a probable real match for two months still swells after a session.

NEWTON ABBOT

SPORTS BETTING Arsenal should cut down Forest

By IAN DAVIES

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TITLE HOLDERS after a second half of the season surge in which they notched 45 points, at least 10 more points than any other side, and bang in form judging by their facile 3-0 victory over Manchester United in the Charity Shield Arsenal should give Nottingham Forest prid time in their Premiership to 3-0 victory to the Gunners looks on the cards - Coral offer 17-2 about said scoreline) game at Highhury tonight.

Time has yet to catch up with the Gunners' back four and, with World Cup heroes Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira

and Ray Parlour down the flanks and the brilliant Dennis Bergkamp and the hlindingly fast Nicolas Anelka (who with Bergkamp likely to drop the deeper of the two, looks the best with Coral and William Hill) up front, the London club have a favourite's chance of defending their title. Arsenal have been cut from

2-1 to 7-4 favourites by William Hill, who have lengthened Manchester United from 2-1 to 9-4 after their unimpressive "Desmond" (2-2) at home to Leicester on Saturday and also offer 5-1 Liverpool, 11-2 Chelsea

in midfield, Marc Overmars (from 4-1), 20-1 West Ham, 25-1 Blackburn and Leeds. Forest will find life tough in

the top division which is pulling further away from the First Division with each successive season. Forest are 6-4 to go bet to be first goal-scorer at 9-2 down with William Hill, who have cut Spurs' relegation odds from 8-1 to 7-2 and make Charlton 8-13 to go down with Sheffield Wednesday at 5-4. Wimbledon are 7-4.

TONIGHT'S MATCH CHLS.T 2-5 2-5 4-9 2-5 2-5 135 114 135 34 114

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Monty's head on another block

BY ANDY FARRELL in Seattle

COLIN MONTGOMERIE has often remarked that there is only one thing worse than constantly being mentioned as a player who is expected to win a major championship - and that is not being expected to win a major. At least that comes without the constant scrutiny that dogs not only Montgomerie but

Both saw any hope that they might change their status in the game before leaving Sahalee disappear in the third round of the 80th USPGA Championship yesterday. Mickelson, starting the day at level par, shot a 78. Montgomerie, who was one behind the half-way leader, Vijay Singh, shot a 77 to fall to four over par The Scot went into yesterday's final round 11 strokes behind Singh and Steve

He fell a further shot behind after finding a green-side bunker at the first. When be missed his par-saving putt from eight feet, the Montgomerie visage crumpled in resignation. Further bogeys did not improve the mood. He found the trees off the tee at the third and was over the green at the fourth, but got up and down from a bunker for par at the sixth. Another drop shot at the eighth bole put Montgomerie out in 39, four over par before he finally got into his stride by birdieing the 10th and the parfive 11th.

A birdie at the second on Saturday had actually put Montgomerie into the lead. But his charmionship then started to - fired at the end of 1996. Last year unravel. The erratic nature of Denis Pugh was his advisor, but his long game, overcome by a the Scot ended the relationship sparky putter on the first two days, began to show up the European No 1 on a course with

no room for error. This time his putter could not save him either. Montgomerie suffered double-bogeys at the eighth and 18th in contrast to Tiger Woods. The world No 1 early in his round but forged a level-par 70 to leave himself

lurking in the pack chasing the leaders, which also included the defending champion, Davis Love, the 1995 winner, Steve Elkington, and the Masters and Open champion, Mark

Montgomerie thought long and hard after missing the cut at the Open. "I'm not there on Saturdays enough," be said after embarking on extensive preparations for Sahalee. He decided to see a putting specialist and to work harder on the

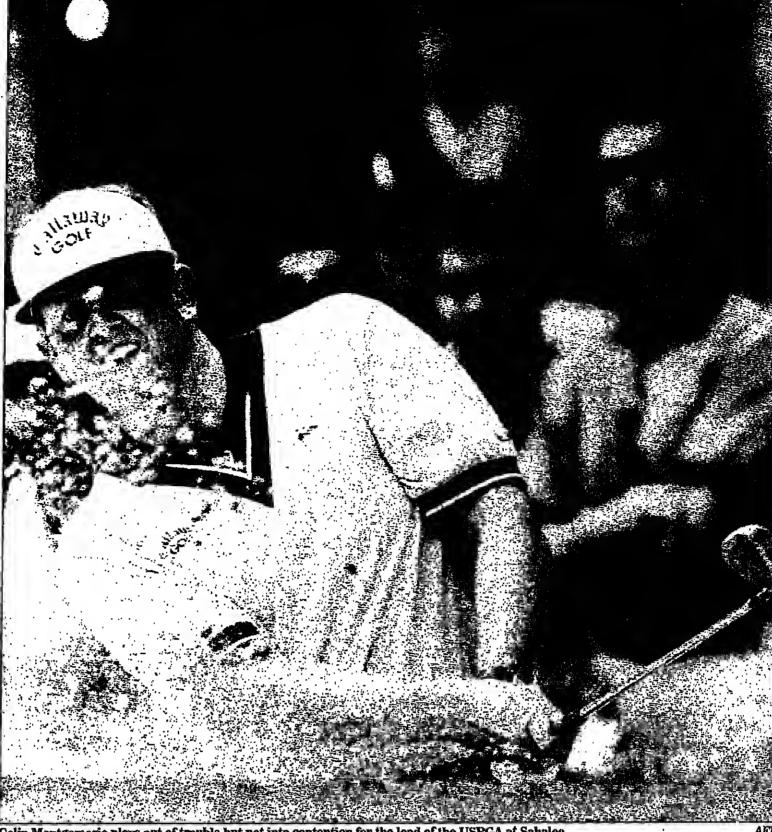
All season, Montgomerie has convinced himself that his putting has not been up to the mark. Seeing Dave Pelz, who also worked with Ian Woosnam in Seattle, gave him a more positive attitude on the greens.

But what Montgomerie has chosen to ignore is that he may be missing more putts because his birdie chances are further from the bole and he has needed to get up and down more often. His long game has not been as consistent as in the past. The simple action that had never been tampered with meant he hit every shot straight with the hint of a fade.

Now, however, be is either booking the ball or blocking It right. This may be a consequence of work a couple of years ago with his old teacher, Bill Ferguson. At that point they tried to give Montgomerie the option of drawing the ball to give him a better chance at Augusta, Ironically, his best finish at a major this season came when be was eighth at the Masters.

Ferguson, who taught the young Montgomerie to play at Ukley Golf Club in Yorkshire, was because be was unhappy about getting too technical.

Pugh would probably agree his work was only half finished. He has suggested be made Montgomerie's best better but his worst worse, and that there is a small flaw in his game that most weeks on the regular tour is not a problem but which is exposed at times of great pres-



Colin Montgomerie plays out of trouble but not into contention for the lead of the USPGA at Sahalee

that Woosnam started to use a major is third. the same coach may have been one of them - be is the swing. After a wretched opening session at Valderrama in last year's Ryder Cup, Fergu-

son was called in for emer-

gency aid and Monty never looked back. Montgomerie, 35, has now played in 30 majors, exactly half as many as the late-blossoming O'Meara. Mickelson, seven years younger, has played only four fewer majors

Whatever the reasons for reputation, Like Montgomerie, the split between Mont- he is a prolific winning of tour gomerie and Ferguson - and · events but his best showing in.

"As things mount," the for-

with it. It's getting brutal now." Nick Faldo added: "Now a good player really has a monkey on his back to get off. Before, if you were a good player, it was like, Good luck to you. maybe you'll win one'. Now the

man to sort out the Scot's Miller said. "it is like a horse going round the track and every time you don't win. you have to add another brick to the saddle. You bate to see guys labelled and have to deal

but not lived up to his early finger is pointed."

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injury time to record the win.

Taine Randell, said: "It was un-

believable how we lost it. The

Springboks played with a lot of

fortitude, a lot of character." South Africa: Tries Terblanche, Van der Weschulzen, Skinstad, Dalton: Conver-

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OUTH AFRICA: Montgomery:
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Argentina trounced the US

Eagles 52-24 in a World Cup

qualifying match on Saturday.

Earlier, Canada defeated

Uruguay 38-15 in the four-team

event in Buenos Aires that will

qualify one side for the 1999

The All Blacks captain,

Sherrie grabs a sweet victory ,

BY TIM GLOVER at Royal Lytham and St Anne's

WITH IMPECCABLE timing. Sherrie Steinhauer won the Weetabix British Women's Open striking a glorious blow at the ultimate hole. The 35-yearold from Madison, Wisconsin, who began the tournament with an 81, finished with a bestof the day 69 to win the £100,000 first prize.

Steinhauer, whose only other notable victory came in the Du Maurier classic six years ago. began the day four strokes behind the leader Janice Moodie and ended it two ahead of the Scot who closed with a 75, three over par for the day, six over for the championship.

Moodie had seen off the challenge of her playing part-ner the 43-year-old Betsy King but was caught and then overtaken not only by Sherrie but also Brandie and Sophie.

In ber rookie year. Moodie. who is ineligible for the Salheim Cup Match between Europe and US at Muirfield Village, Ohio, next month because she has not played a sufficient number of tournaments in Europe. won £30,000 for fourth place, but a lack of conviction on the greens cost her dearly.

She seemed set to enjoy the Weetabix with milk and honey when she birdied the eighth and the 12th to leave the field trailing behind her blonde pony-tail but bogeys at the 14th and 16th allowed Steinhauer, Brandie Burton and the Swede Sonhie Gustafson to move to the top of the leader board.

After playing an excellent chip at the 14th to within two and half feet of the flag. Moodie missed the putt for par and she also missed from five feet for a birdie at the 15th. "The wind made things really, really tough," Moodie, who learnt her golf at Windyhill, Glasgow,

Steinhauer, meanwhile, led a charmed life, particularly over Royal Lytham's formidable back nine: Beginning the round with a bogey four at the first. her only dropped shot, she came home in regal style with birdies at the 11th, 13th and 18th. With a south-westerly gusting at up to 33 mph. it was an impressive performance. She was the only player to break 77 in the final round on a day when many had trouble breaking 88.

With Gustafson in the clubhouse at five over for the tournament following a 70. the decisive stroke from Steinhauer came at the last. With the odds on a sudden death play-off she bit a magnificent six-iron approach shot from 156 yards into a cross-wind to within eight feet of the hole and her birdied putt just had enough momentum to role into the cup when it looked, for a moment, as if she had left it on the lip.

After ber 81 on Thursday, Steinhauer improved with a 72 and a 70. "After the first round I had a dream that I was getting an early flight home." she said. "My first aim was to make the cut, then finish in the top 10. I really enjoyed playing in the wind. It's a challenge and it helped me to stay focused.

Gustafson, who won 250,000 to considerably improve her chances of playing in the Salheim Cup, was paired with Australian Carrie Webb. When Webb, who won the championship 12 months ago at Sunningdale at 19 under par. 23 strokes better than Steinhauer's aggregate yesterday, went to the turn in 33 it looked as if she might retain her title. But it was Gustafson who made the advance with three birdies in four

holes from the 13th. She was subsequently joined at five over by Burton who came in with a 71, but both were trumped by Steinhauer's beautiful judged six-iron at the 72nd hole. It was the perfect club at

the perfect time. One of the more interesting scores was an 87 from Muffin Spencer-Devlin. She came home in 46 after a triple-bogey seven at the 16th and a quintuple bogey nine on the 17th. The American finished with an

aggregate of 319, 31 over par Nor did Se Ri Pak cover herself in glory. "You have to learn many things to play in many # temperatures, the 20-year-old Korean, who has won two major titles this season said. "[learned many things, this is golf. It's up and down. Yes. terday she had trouble up and down, closing with a 77, 20 over par for the tournament

Humphreys 'ready to quit' over WRU threat

RUGBY UNION

BY DAVID SMART

THE FORMER Wales captain Jonathan Humphreys yesterday threatened to quit rugby if he was forced to move from Cardiff by the Welsh Rugby Union because of a long-running dispute between bis club and the governing body.

The Cardiff booker looks set

to be caught up in a club versus country row if Cardiff do not sign a loyalty agreement by midday today. The WRU could strip Cardiff

of their Welsh internationals like Humphreys and the present Wales captain, Rob Howley, if the agreement is not signed. Wales' leading internationals are contracted to the WRU and they have threatened to place the players with

other Welsb clubs. "If the WRU told me I had to

as recommended by Colin Montgomerie

Cardiff captain.

Cardiff is my club, the only one I want to play for. I would not consider going anywhere

that. The players have been caught in the middle for ar too long and it is time that the administrators sorted things out." Humphreys claimed many of Wales' leading players were supporting moves to play the best clubs in England in a British league, a plan which collapsed last week after talks

between Brian Baister, the chairman of the Rugby Football Union, and representatives of the other governing bodies in the British Isles. The groups failed to reach an agreement and the idea fell through, leading to the English

clubs accusing Vernon Pugh,

the chairman of the interna-

join another club, I would re-tire," said Humphreys. the an influence behind the scenes. in pouring cold water on the plans, even though be was in Argentina at the time. New the Welsh players,

many of whom have expressed "I hope it does not come to regret at the standards and competitiveness of their own domestic competitions, are speaking out in favour of the cross-border plan. "We are very disappointed

> "The Welsh club.scene desperately needed it. We are told such a league will be organised next year, but how do we know that? The World Cup is taking place then and it may be put off for another year.

that there will not be a British

League this season," said

Welsh rugby does not have the time to waste anymore. The top sides need to be playing quality rugby week-in, week-out and unfortunately the



Humphreys: Wants to play

Welsh system does not provide that. clubs direct. We want to play but

Cardiff themselves are still in a state of limbo. They have said that they do not wish to play in Welsh domestic competitions any more because of their on-running dispute with the Union, but their plans to play against Allied Dunbar clubs bave been thwarted by the RFU.

we won't be used as pawns."

All Blacks flattened by furious Bok rally NEW ZEALAND were on the re- pected, a game of hard, fierce Dalton crasbed over the line in

ceiving end of one of the more dramatic Test comebacks in recent times, allowing South Africa to stage a stirring comeback to win 24-23 in a gripping match in Durban on Saturday. It was the All Blacks' fourth suc-

The result left the All Blacks with their worst record in more than 40 years as they finished their Tri Nations campaign bottom of the table. The home side staring defeat in the face and trailing 23-5 with just 14 minutes left on the clock, scored three tries including a last-minute touchdown to steal the game and preserve their unbeaten

record in the competition. The Springboks now play Australia, in Johannesburg on Saturday with the winner of that match taking the Tri Na-The 51st Test between the

tions title for the first time. two traditional rivals was, as ex-

rugby full of expansive play. New Zealand went in at halftime 17-5 up and it looked like over-confidence and unforced errors would lead to the Springboks' downfall.

The Springboks' normally watertight defence started to spring leaks as they allowed the All Blacks to score two tries. In comparison, the radically restructured New Zealand side was gelling much better than It was the mercurial scrum-

half Joost van der Westhuizen who started the unlikely revival when he jinked his way over from a ruck 15 metres out, and, nine minntes from time, the replacement flanker Bobby Skinstad set up the finish with

A late tackle by Jonah Lomu set up South Africa with an attacking line-out 10 metres from the line. The hooker James

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The amount in pounds sterling that the German weekly magazine, Focus. estimates a

European football super league would generate if it got off the ground

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Hick flaw sparks another collapse

ALTHOUGH HIS imnings won the match, Graeme Hick made a perfect mistake at Lord's when England looked as though they were going to reach 300 after they had been put in to bat. He and Alec Stewart had put on 76 for England's third wicket and then Nasser Hussain settled in and helped him add 92 for the wurth,

They were scoring runs as they wished and although the Sri Lankan bowlers had been honest they had been no better than that Suddenly Hussain, who was batting with the authority and composure one would expect from a man who spent seven hours at the crease while making 94 in England's second innings in the fifth Test, swept at Kumara Dharmasena with his bead up and was

England were 223-4 in the 44th over. It was now imperative that Hick should stay in to the end of the imnings to prevent England having two new batsen at the wicket for the slog vers at the end. If Hick had stayed England could reasonably have expected a total of at least 270. In the very next over, Adam Hollioake glanced Sanath Jayasuriya to short fine



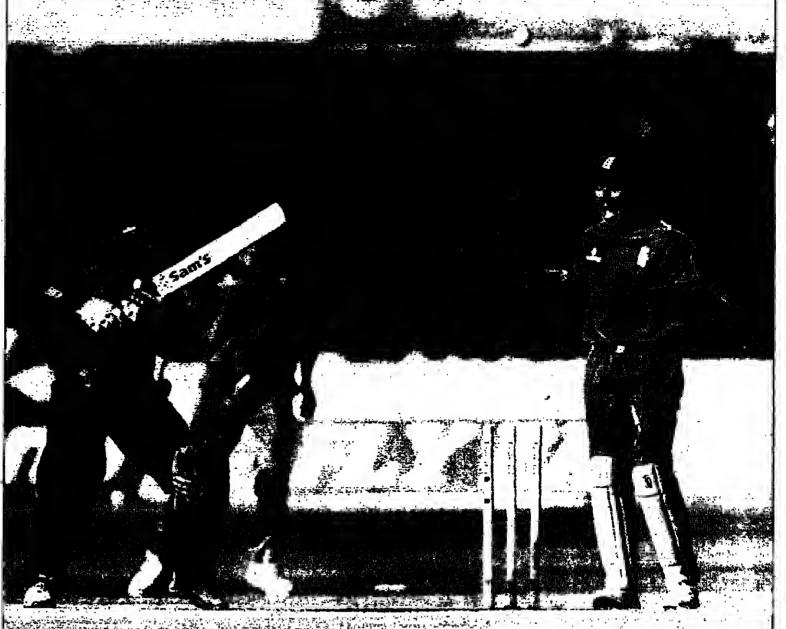
HENRY BLOFELD

AT LORD'S

which Hick could easily have countermanded. All be had to do was say no, loudly and quickly, and Hollioake would have been able to get back safely enough.

As it happened, Hick responded to the call and was run out by Marvan Atapattu's throw to Romesh Kaluwitherana behind the stumps. It was such a thoughtless run by a batsman who has played enough one-day cricket to know what was required at this late stage of the innings.

As a result of Hick's willingness to risk his own wicket, two new batsmen were at the crease and as a result the in-



Arjuna Ranatunga is bowled by Robert Croft as England head towards a convincing victory at Lord's yesterday

collectors of England collapses, and there must be many, can put this one high up in the order. Seven wickets had fallen for 24 runs off 35 balls.

The lower middle-order batsmen, as so often happens

themselves out. They needed to push for ones and twos and with the far-flung field that would have been easy enough,

the grave mistake of trying to first names are on the backs of brought with them imagining hit everything for four and got their shirts because their proper names are too big and, in order to fit, would have to be in very small print. The South Africans, who are the only side The pyjama saga went one to have numbers on their

that there would be a programme saying who would wear which number. Good communication. England, like Sri Lanka, had

no numbers on their backs

pyjamas. Very imaginative of the organisers, in a competition involving three sides, that they should arrange for two of them to wear the same colours, albeit, in slightly different shades. What was that old saying about

Spell of pace **swings** game

BY MIKE CAREY at Headingley

Yorkshire 457-8 dec Lancashire 484 & 109-4

AN EXPLOSIVE piece of newball bowling by the tall left-armer Paul Hutchison, who took four wickets for two runs in 25 deliveries, dramatically changed the face of a hitherto high-scoring Roses match here yesterday.

Lancashire had been reduced to a decidedly edgy 27 for 4 when John Crawley and Warren Hegg gratefully accepted the umpire's offer of the light. This provided eight overs respite after which the fifth wicket pair batted enterprisingly to leave the match perfectly poised.

The famous Yorkshireman who opined that a week is a long time in politics might agree, were he still with us, that three days can be even more remarkable in cricket. Especialy if you get stuck in the way Yorkshire did here.

First, having been lambasted all around Leeds on the first day, they carefully batted themselves back into contention, a performance which owed much not only to a disciplined all-round team effort. but also to some variable bowling on a pitch which, though showing signs of wear, held up

pretty well. Hutchison has more raw pace than most bowlers of his type and this was the platform he needed. The crucial differences to the first innings were that this time he not only got his line right and hit the pitch hard, but the plentiful good balls found the edge and the catches stuck, some spectacu-

He began with a perfectly pitched outswinger which the left handed Nathan Wood, committed to play, edging to the wicketkeeper

The luckless Neil Fair-With Worcestershire chasing brother could do nothing about the first ball be faced, which not career-best 170 off 188 balls to only bounced on him, but turned him round and had him brilliantly caught at full stretch by James Misidlebrook at third

Soon afterwards Andrew had scored - and three others Flintoff, currently suffering the sort of lean spell that haunts all quality youngsters sooner or later, stabbed unconvincingly at a rapid delivery angled across him to be superbly caught by David Byas. And be was followed in the next over as Gra-

ham Lloyd played on. Byas himself had been the cornerstone of Yorkshire's innings, becoming, somewhat improbably you may feel, the first balsman to make four centuries in one season on this fa-

mous ground. His anchorman's role was the perfect foil for Darren Lehmann's strokeolay but equally valuable work was done in the engine-room of the side where Richard Blakeley completed an unbeaten half-century and the two bowlers, Gavin Hamilton and Middlebrook, confirmed their rich promise as

Krikken is so happy with Dean Hampshire

Worcestersbire 104 & 316 Derbyshire win by 28 runs

Dean after the 22-year-old Krikken believes he can only strength doing a fair hit in the 188 balls. bowled Derbyshire to a fourth get better. Championship victory that empleted a memorable five days for the club.

Dean took nine wickets in the match as Derbyshire beat sure situations. Worcestershire by 28 runs fol-

BY DEREK HODGSON

Gloucestershire 142 & 456

BOTH TEAMS need to win to re-

tain credibility as fringe con-

tenders but after the

excitements of Friday, when 17

wickets fell, this pitch has rolled

into such an eiderdown - Harry

Brind probably fell asleep while

atching on Saturday - that a

draw is not impossible. .

at Bristol

Kent 163 & 83-2

which was decided on the last doesn't give the batsman a lot quiet be is off the field."

The left-armer demonstrat-Krikken, Derbyshire's vice-

captain and wicketkeeper, insisted: "Kevin has got a lot of bottle and he's great in pres-"He's always had important

lowing their memorable ingredients in his game. He can NatWest Trophy semi-final vic- swing it both ways, he sticks mitted and quite aggressive and his captain, Tom Moody, tory at Leicester last week, close to the wicket and be on the field considering bow knows that the right-hander

target of 436 in the 35 overs re-

maining last evening and were

helped by the absence of Mark

Alleyne from the attack. Al-

levne, so often Gloucestershire's

golden arm, has a strained calf

overnight lead of 191 but were

in no mood to permit Kent

early use of this easy surface,

with all the potential threat of

a huge, fast innings from Carl

Gloucestershire had an

muscle but may bowl today.

to play with.

gym this winter.

gloves hard this year which was last out with his team just shows be's gained an extra 28 runs away from reaching a yard of pace and batsman don't daunting target of 345. have the time to adjust.

Kent made slow but deter- Hooper. They added another ing away into a stiff breeze. mined progress towards their 102 in 30 overs before the new Gloucestershire's rising be

ball at last gave Kent a weapon.

innings 55 (now that Ian Austin

has been belatedly recognised,

how about a cheering call from

David Graveney to Glouces-

tershire's captain?) before be-

coming the first of four

successive victims for the wick-

etkeeper Steve Marsh as Julian

Thompson took 3 for 11 in 29

halls, the reward for attacking

bowling to line and length, mov-

Alleyne added 83 to his first

Dean's five-wicket haul de- ability.

"He's growing into his nied Worcestershire a victory ed he is an opponent to be reck- strength now. He was very slim that Vikram Solanki had al- from Vikram. He obviously had KARL KRIKKEN saluted oned with as he claimed his 50th and willowy when he first came most singlehandedly set up his slice of lnck along the way ESSEX SLUMPED to another emerging pace bowler Kevin victim of the season – and here but be's built up his with a career-best 170 from but we all need a bit of that," heavy defeat in the Britannic He was dropped three times

We are now seeing the ben- but the quality of his stroke-play efit of that. He's hitting the was of the highest class and be Solanki scored a Sunday

"He's very honest, very com- League 100 at Derby last month

Gloucestershire's rising bat-

ting star, Matt "Steamy" Win-

dows, celebrated his county

onship century (192 balls, 11

fours) but his departure, at

338, brought Kent little relief as

Jack Russell, after a shaky

start, got his feet and bat mov-

ing. The final humiliation for an

attack shorn, by the selectors, of Dean Headley and Mark

Ealham, was a last wicket stand of 55, which included

can with his third champi-

has an abundance of natural humble Essex ability.

"It was a fantastic innings Moody said.

"He's got an enormous amount of talent and be's starting to show that more consistently this season."

Worcestershire have now lost four Championship games in a row and they must hope for injuries to clear up and Graeme Hick to return from England

Courtney Walsh.

they were dismissed for 238. Kent made to toil by Windows patient 41 not out to lead his side to a two-wicket win over Northamptonshire at Taunton.

The Somerset captain hit just two fours in his 165-ball insixes from Mike Smith and nings, but it was a fine effort on Carl Hooper bowled 44 overs a dry pitch which offered plenty of assistance to the spinners. but all we saw of Min Patel was occasional visits as a substitute Defeat was hard on the for the limping Alan Wells. So. Northamptonshire off-spinner

day in a seemingly hopeless po-

sition at 50 for 2, still needing

another 299 to make Hampshire

bat a second time. They lasted

until an hour after lunch when

Jason Brown, who claimed a career-best 6 for 53 from 41.1 overs to finish with matchfigures of 11 for 102. Kevin Dean bowled Derbyshire to a 28-run win over

Worcestershire with 5 for 95 to add to his four in the first

heavy defeat in the Britannic 345 Vikram Solanki scored a

Assurance County Championship yesterday. Hampshire take his side within sight of what would have been a membecame the latest club to take advantage of the bottom club's orable victory. Derbyshire dropped Solanki injuries with a victory by innings and 111 runs at Portsmouth. three times - the first before he

The visitors began the third in Worcestershire's second With both attacks badly depleted at Chester-le-Street, the bat continued to dominate as Durham easily wiped out a

Peter Bowler compiled a first-innings deficit of 90 against Glamorgan yesterday. John Morris passed his season's-best of 50 to finish unbeaten on 68 as he shared an unbroken stand of 128 with Jon Lewis, leaving Durbam 38

ahead with all wickets intact. England's youngsters are pressing for victory in the first Under-19 Test against Pakistan at New Road, Worcester.

Graeme Swann, Northamptonshire off-spinner who collected a pair when batting, took 5 for 40 in 15.3 overs as the tourists closed at 144 for 8, still requiring 55 for victory on the fourth and final day

Britannic Assurance **County Championship**

Derbyshire v Worcestershire DERRY (Day 3 of 4): Derbyshire (22pts) best Worcestershire (4pts) by 28 runs Woncestershire won toss

DERBYSHIRE - First Innings 280 (Weston 84. WORCESTERSHIRE — First basings 104 (Dean 4-52) DERBYSHIRE - Second lanlage 168 (Moody 5-64,

Runs 6s 4s Bis Min V S Splanki c Weston b DeFreitas ...170 1 31 188 268

S R Lampit: Row b Dean 2 0 0 6 P J Newport c May b DeFreitas 31 0 6 53 R J Chapman not out Entras (62 | 610 w2 n614)28 Total (for 10, 70.1 overs)......316 Pull: 1-19, 2-24, 3-29, 4-112, 5-212, 6-216, 7-226, 8-

Bowling: P A J DeFreitas 21.1-4-95-5, K J Dean 25-5-90-5, T M Smith 13-3-58-0, M E Cassar 5-0-40-0, I D Blackwell 6-1-21-0. Umpires: R Julian and N T Piews.

RIVERSIDE (Day 3 of 4): Durham (8 pts) are loading 6/amorgan (6 pts) by 38 runs with all second-innings wickets in hand Dnrham v Glamorgan Durtham won toss DURHAM - First innings 396 (Boon 106, Speak 59,

GLANORGAN - First landage Overnight 259-4 (May-Fig. Innings Contd

Pall: 1-2, 2-83, 3-85, 4-217, 5-338, 6-388, 7-431, 8-467, 9-480.

Bourillag: M M Betts 0.4-0-1-0, 5 Lugsden 29.2-1-1512, 1 Wood 30.4-1-143-3, P D Collingwood 29-8-89-3, N C Phillips 21-0-78-1. N J Speak 1-0-9-0.

DURHAM — Second Innings Extras (Ib3 nb4) Total (For O, 40 overs)......128
To Bat: N J Speak, J A Daley, "D C Boon, P D Collingwood, †M P Speight, N C Philips, M M Betts, J Wood,

S Lugsden.

Bowling: S 0 Thomas 9-2-29-0, A P Davies 8-1-28-0,
A Dale 6-1-10-0. 5 P Jones 6-0-23-0, D A Cosker 11-2-

Gloucestershire v Kent ERISTOL (Day 3 of 4)t Kent (4 pts), mich 8 sec-ond-Innings wickets in hand, require 353 runs to best Gioucestershire (4 pts) Kent won loss GLOUCESTERSHIRE — First lusings 142 (Alleyne 55, Thompson 4-52, McCague 4-41)

RENT — First inalegs 163 (Marsh 50, Walsh 4-77) GLOUCESTERSHIRE — Second Innings Oversight 212-3 (Hancock 63) Second Issuings Coutd

8-393, 9-401.
BonnEng: M J McCague 22-5-69-3, J 8 Thompson 23.4-5-82-4. B J Phillips 23-3-89-0, M V Fleming 31-6-81-2, C L Hooper 44-8-118-1. KENT -- Second binings

J B Thompson, M J McCague, A P Wells. Bowling: C A Walsh 10-5-29-0, A M Smith 9-4-19-1. J Lewis 7-2-12-1, D R Hewson 2-1-3-0, M C J Ball 7-3-Umptress G Sharp and J F Steele.

Hampshire v Essex PORTSMOUTH (Day 3 of 4): Hampshire (24pts) beat Essex (3pts) by an innings and 111 reas Hamosture ween toss ESSEX -- First louings 141 (McLean 5-37, Hartley

HAMPSHIRE - First Innings 490 (Smith 138, Keeth 01, White 58. Mascarenhas 53, Morris 51) ESSEX — Second Innings Overnight 50-2 Second Innings Contd

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Fall: 1-3, 2-7, 3-81, 4-93, 5-93, 6-97, 7-152, 8-201. Bowling: N A M McLean 19-3-69-2, P J Hardey 25-6-90-3. J P Stephenson 9-1-30-0. A C Morris 13-1-39-4. A 0 Mascarenhas 1-0-3-0. Umptres: J H Harris and J W Lloyds

Somerset v Northamptonshire

TAURITON (Day 3 of 4): Somerset (20pts) beat thire (Apts) by 2 wickets Northamotonstire won toss MORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First leadings 187 (Rose 5-57. Caddick 5-701

SOMERSET - First lanlags 179 (Bowler 78, 8 rown NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - Second Innings 205 (Ripley 54no. Penberthy 53, Caddick 4-45) SOMERSET — Second Innings Oversight 29-1

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medium seam bowling, which

can be tedious. The virtual

elimination of finger spinners

from the first-class game is

analogous to the removal of

Mozart from the classical

G D Rose c Montgomerle b Brown ...15 0 1 58 52 Extras (610 /617)... Total (for 6, 92.1 pvers)......214 Fail: 1-17, 2-34, 3-89, 4-96, 5-100, 6-144, 7-164, 8-

tM Burns fow b Brown......18 0 2 30 27

Bouiling: F A Rose 2-0-9-0, J P Taylor 15-3-48-1, J F Brown 41,1-18-53-6, D E Malcolm 7-3-20-0, R J Bailey 27-8-57-1. Umpires: H 0 8ird and 0 R Sheoherd.

HEADINGLEY (Day 3 of 4): Lancashire (0 pts) are leading Yorkshire (7 pts) by 136 runs with 0 second-innings wickets in hand Lancashire won toss LANCASHIRE — First Innings 484 (Crawley 180, Lloyd

Yorkshire v Lancashire

YORKSHIRE - First Innings Overnight 264-4 (Byas 101. Lehmann 711 Rums 6s 4s Bis Min

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Did Not Bat: M J Hoggard. Bowling: G Chapple 32-9-59-3, 1 D Austin 10-3-28-0, A Flinzoff 5-2-8-0, G Keedy 50-12-161-2, G Yates 41-12-107-3. R J Green 20-3-83-0.

N H Fairbrother c Middlebrook Total (for 4, 33 overs)...109

To Bat: 'Wasim Akram, I O Austin, G Yates, G Chapple, Boarling: M J Hoggard 7-0-27-0. P M Hutchison 8-1-30-4. G M Hamilton 5-1-19-0, R D Stemp 8-3-17-0. J D Middlebrook 5-0-10-0. Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.

Fall: 1-2, 2-2, 3-12, 4-22,

Pakiston Under 19 won toss

First NatWest Under 19 Test

England Under 19 v Pakistan Under 19 WORCESTER (Day 3 of 4): Pakistan Under 19, with ags wickets in hand, require 55 runs to

ENGLAND - First tunings 260 (Shah 96, Irlan Fazil 6-PAKISTAN - First Innines 331 (Hasan Raza 70, Inamul-Harq 52, Faisai Iqbai 50, Franks 4-70)

ENGLAND - Second Innings Overnight 58-2 Second Innings Count R W 1 Key c Bazid Khan b Irfan Fazil....62 0 11 94 152 *O A Shah c Kashif Raza b Shoaib Malak44 0 6 87 132 G P Swann c Inam-ul-Haq b Shoaib Maliko 0 0 8 15 P J Franks c Humayun Fahrat A Laraman C Humayun Fahrat b Kashif Raza..... C.I. Schofield not our J O Grove b Zahid Saeed...... 0 0 0 2 1

Total (72.5 overs)269
Falt: 1-4, 2-30, 3-121, 4-146, 5-159, 6-194, 7-230, 8-234. Bowling: Zahid Saeed 17.5-4-75-5. Irlan Fazil 25-1-83-2. Shoab Malik 14-3-52-2, Kashii Raza 14-8-31-1, Bilal

Runs
Inam-ul-Haq c Shah b Franks ... 10
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Dykstra at the double

the Dutch goalkeeper Sieb Dykstra in the last minute earned 10-man United a surprise point marrock ground out a draw. against Hearts yesterday.

It was no more than the home side deserved for Hearts complaints about Bobby started off as strong favourites after beating Rangers in their opening league game.

The visitors' strength in depth was emphasised by Jim Jefferies' decision to leave out midfielder Lee Makel in favour of Steve Fulton while former United favourite Steve Pressley was a substitute.

when Steve Thompson was shown the red card by the referee, Stuart Dougal, for an in-Locke late in the game.

In the last minute Fulton Neil McCann and the winger saw his fierce net-bound effort pushed away by Dykstra.

And when Fulton returned the loose ball into the danger zone, the former Queen's Park look elsewhere if his players Rangers keeper brought off another fabulous save from David Weir's close range header.

as St Johnstone and Kil-

The former Rangers and striker. Scotland international had no Williamson's decision. "I know I only got a few minutes, but to be fair he had seen me in training all last week," joked Mc-Coist, who is still searching for match fitness. Williamson, who retained

the team who defeated Dundee United 2-0 on the opening day of the season, was content with But United's hard work a point. He said: "We were looked like it might all be in vain away in Europe in midweek so I thought the players handled it well and I've got to be happy."

Kilmarnock created the betnocuous-looking tackle on Gary ter chances of a contest that was spirited but lacked quality, the best opportunity falling to sent a superb ball through to Ian Durrant in the closing stages who mis-hit a shot badly when well-placed.

The Saints manager, Paul Sturrock, felt his side were "sluggish" and warned he will continue to produce below-par showings. He said: "It is a long season and you always need to Ally McCoist appeared for strengthen so there will come the last three minutes at Mc a time when we will spend

A BRILLIANT double save by Diarmid Park, but there was no money. I reckon I need three sign of a goal from any source players of a better standard in certain areas of the team - we are certainly looking for another

> "We have highly paid prolessionals here but some of them have let themselves down by not looking sharp

> Aside from Rangers' 2-1 win over Motherwell at Ibrox, the Scottish Premier League's only other Saturday fixture saw Dunfermline defeat Dundee 2-0 through goals from Andy Smith and George Shaw. Last season's First Division

title winners Dundee have still to score this season and have now recorded two league defeats as well as a League Cup loss to Alloa. Jocky Scott, the manager,

said: "Bad defending cost us as usual, there was no conviction about our display and we must work harder. The manner we lost the goals upset me. To improve these results we have to learn how to defend well."

The Pars were also surprised in last week's League Cup second round by Livingston, hut despite Gavin Johnson's sending-off held on for a vital win with 10 men.

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THE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
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CRICKET (10.45): Triangular One-Day International Tearnament: England v South Africa (or Edgorston). RUGBY UNION: Tour Manch (3.0): Munster v Morocco (or Musgrove Perk, Cork). Citio manch (7.0): Pontypilide v Edinburgh Revers. SPEEDWAY (7.30): Dualop Conference League Challenge: St Austell v Belle Vue. RACING: VORK (2.05). BRIGHTON (2.20).

WEDNESDAY

POOTBALL (7.45 unless stated); international match (8.0); Northern Ireland v
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OPR v Wissalt; Soute v Mactesfrield Scotcitic (8.0); Hearts v Rath (7.30); Hibernon v Aberdeen (8.0), Ross County v Durdee
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CRECKET (10.45): Lord's: Triangular

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Cardiff: Glamorgan v Yorkshire.

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SPEEDWAY (7.30): Elite Leagues

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City. The Football Conference: Celtenham v Hayes, Doncaster v Ridderminster;
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Blues blow their own trumpet

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

Birmingham City Crystal Palace

THE FRUSTRATIONS of countless seasons of unfulfillment persuaded Birmingham City's supporters to indulge themselves during yesterday's impressive victory at St Andrew's. Top of the League," they sang lustily as their team overcame Crystal Palace to go to the head of the embryonic Nationwide First Division table.

The season may only be in its infancy and the rules governing goals scored still bizarre enough to bewilder Trevor Francis, but City's manager s not about to argue with his Gues' worthiness as leaders.

"But I still can't come to terms with why 3-1 should be better than 2-0." he said. If City had retained their 2-0

half-time lead, they would have merely finished the day as joint leaders with Wolves but, by reducing the arrears with a late header from Havden Mullins. his first in senior football. Palace perversely helped Birmingham's cause, forcing them to go for a third goal.

Birmingham, who had conceded the final play-off spot to Sheffield United last season on the curious "goals scored" law, need have, on this conincing evidence, few fears out slide rule mathematics

deciding their fate this time. Dele Adebola, Birmingham's bustling Nigerian, maintained his goal-a-game record, stretching Palace's defence throughout and bringing justification for an arduous pre-season.

manager. The £1m Adebola had already threatened twice when he gave City a 12th-mirrute lead with a half-volley.

Then Marc Edworthy was pulled up for supposedly pulling Simon Charlton's shirt. The award of a penalty, swept home by Martin O'Connor, once a Palace reserve, annoyed Terry Venables. "If penalties are being given for shirt-pulling," argued the Palace manager, "then at least they should have been consistent and given us one when Bruce Dyer had his shirt pulled."

With the help of Adebola's high-stepping runs, Peter Ndlovu's spectacular dashes and Charlton's astute sorties. City were always dangerous on the break. However, the hosts' smug look of complacency vanished when Ian Bennett rushed madly from his goal, colliding with his own defender Michael Johnson to permit Mullins a decisive connection with Dean Austin's routine cross.

Palace were suddenly chasing a point. Bennett redeemed himself by clawing down a Matt Jansen drive before the Birmingham substitute Nicky Forster turned in Martin Grainger's cross to leave the division with an unfamiliar early look about it.

Goalis: Adebota (12) 1-0, O'Connor pen (29) 2-0; Muilins (73) 2-1; Forster (90) 3-1.



Birmingham's Simon Charlton and Marc Edworthy tussie for possession at St Andrew's yesterday

Monaco inspired by Henry

THIERRY HENRY silenced the critics who accused him of thinking only of a transfer abroad by helping Monaco beat promoted Sochaux 4-1 in the French First Division on Sat-

Monaco, Marseilles - who beat Metz 1-0 - and Bordeaux. 3-2 winners at Le Havre, are the only sides on maximum points' Maraval rifling a close-range

Monegasques ahead on goal difference.

wanted to join his former coach Arsène Wenger at Arsenal, was in inspired form, laying on the first goal for Portuguese midfielder Francisco Da Costa in the opening minute,

Sochaux replied within four minutes, defender Bernard

after two matches, with the shot past helpless World Cup goalkeeper Fabien Barthez. Nigeria's Victor Ikpeba re-

Henry, who said last weekhe stored Monaco's lead in the eighth minute in front of a crowd of 12,000 at the Stade Louis II, where attendances are generally a third of that. Henry scored in the 50th

minute after a 40-metre run, before laying on a second for

Elber gave Bundestiga favourites Bayern Munich a 1-0 win at VfL

Wolfsburg in their opening

match of the new season. The

started with an away win, beating 1860 Munich 2-1. ■ The Germany coach, Berti Vogts, said yesterday that he will resign if his team fail to qualify for the European Cham-

HORACIO CARBONARI

ROBERT MOLENAAR

Unsworth will not go 'on cheap'

DAVID UNSWORTH will finally make his first competitive appearance for Aston Villa tonight, even though the central defender is still hoping to move back to Goodison Park.

But John Gregory, the Villa manager, has warned Everton they have "no chance" of securing Unsworth's services unless they match the £3m paid to West Ham last month.

Unsworth moved from Upton Park to Villa, but then asked to go to Everton after his wife refused to move from their Merseyside home and because of the problems of a 160-mile round trip to training each day.

Unsworth was suspended for Villa's opening Premier League match - ironically at Everton - but he will turn out for the reserves tonight against

Gregory said: "He is back with us trying to get on with his life and hopeful that Everton are going to come back in for him. But if they think they are going to do a deal on the cheap for, say, £2.5m, then they've got

"In fact, you could argue that for all the inconvenience we Everton should pay over the odds for Unsworth."

Nottingham Forest will let their unhappy striker Pierre van Hoojjdonk go for £8m and Turkish side Fenerbahce are favourites to sign him.

their losses and reduce their original valuation of the Dutchman, who is refusing to return to the City Ground. Forest are so keen to sell that they have

also employed an agent. Paul Stretford, to find him a club. Fenerbahce have tabled an opening offer of £5.5m for Van Hooijdonk and are trying to reach a compromise deal with

Tommy Burns, the Reading manager, has laid down the law to his side after their poor start to the season. He has banned alcohol, junk food, mobile phones and dissent in a crackdown on his players fol-lowing their 4-1 defeat at Bris-

tol Rovers. He said: "I don't like to see the players chatting away on a mobile phone and ignoring their team-mates when travelling to matches. That's a time for the players to be bonding together as a team and they can't do that if they are having private conversations.

They are also banned from drinking alcohol when on club business, or eating junk food. We have installed a microwave on the team bus to cook pasta for them. They have no prob-lems with that because they know it is for the good of their

Neville Southall and Simon Barker are set to sign for Donhave suffered so soon near caster Rovers today. The Donthe start of the season that caster manager, Ian Snodin, has asked his old Everton team-mate Southall to help out the GM Vauxhall Conference side and he is set for his

debut tomorrow. Southall has been looking for a club all summer after playing Forest have decided to cut for Stoke City a few months ago. Barker has also been unable to find new employers since being released hy Queen's Park Rangers at the



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MARK BOSNICH



Halifax's ambition shines in The Shay

comers Halifax Town are trying desperately hard to keep their feet on the ground after a successful return to the

Saturday's 1-0 victory over Third Division promotion favourites Brentford maintained a 100 per cent record in three matches - two in the League, one in the Worthington Cup - and three clean sheets.

The Halifax manager, Kieran O'Regan, struggled to impose self-restraint, "I'm not going to start shouting from the rooftops, but if we carry on like this who knows what is

going to happen," he said. Not for the first time in Halifax's recent history, the decisive goal was supplied by Geoff Horsfield, leading GM Vauxhall Conference scorer last season, whose 32ndminute strike ensured that Halifax's first League match at the revamped Shay since 1993 ended in victory.

Their opening to the new campaign is all the more remarkable given the trauma that has accompanied the build-up to their reintroduction to the League. The first shock came only

three days before their opening fixture at Peterborough when the then manager, George Mulhali, rewarded with a three-year contract after steering Town to the Conference title, suddenly announced his resignation to take up the post of director of football,

leaving O'Regan in charge. Then came stories that

Peter Butler, a summer sign-

ing from West Bromwich Albion, had been appointed player-coach without O'Regan's knowledge. Last week, the chairman, Chris Holland, resigned only two months after accepting the post, handing

over the reins to Halifax businessman Jim Brown. Yet finding harmony on the field, the team followed an opening-day 2-0 win over Peterborough by defeating Wrexham by the same score in the Worthington Cup before Saturday's win over Brentford, with Horsfield on the

mark in all three games. And there was the added satisfaction of a bumper crowd on Saturday, where an attendance of almost 4,000 represented six times the number who would turn un only two years ago.

WEEKEND THAT WAS

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PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

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MICHAEL HUGHES

Manager of the week: Wimbledon's Joe Kinnear - who started the season as he means to go on. defying the odds with victory over the team-he most likes to beat.

Performance of the week: Coventry City against of Chelsea, reassurance that the latest

Moneybags XI will have to do a bit more than simply turn up.

Today: After watching the Premiership season start without them, Arsenal begin the defence of their title at home to Notdingham Forest in what could be a traumat-te experience for Dane Basic experience for Dave Bas-sett's side, with a largely unstrengthened line-up led by the untried strike partnership of Dougle Freedman and Jean-Claude, Darchanilla. Claude Darcheville.

Tomorrow: Second-leg matches in the Worthington Cup's opening round provide a busy night. Barnsley, having to adjust to rather different to adjust to rather directions to receive their dream year in the Premiership. face Scarborough at Oakwell with a 1-0 platform from the first leg. In Scotland, Rangers take on Alloa in round three of the Scottish League Cup.

of the Scottish League Cup.
Wedneeday: Crystal Palace
attempt to avoid an early embarassment for manager Terry Venables after being held
to a 1-1 draw by Torquay In
their away first-leg Worthington Cup tie.
Friday: Satellite television
viewers can judge just how
Barnsley are acclimatising
when they entertain Stockport
County In the First Division.
Saturday: Liverpool's home
match against champions Arsenal represents by far the
pick of eight Premiership
matches.

Taylor II - now would he like that

WHISPER IT softly - but the ed England manager his full Premiership may have to support it must seem like old brace itself for the second times for Taylor, although coming of Graham Taylor there is no hint yet of his rock

Taylor made his managerial name with the Vicarage Road club with a charge up began 20 years ago, overseeing the Hornets in an intook them from the old Fourth Division to runnersup in the First Division.

It was an era that cost a penny. launched a number of successful careers, most notably that of Newcastle's former England international John Barnes. Now Taylor is threatening to repeat the trick after Saturday's win over Bradford City placed Watford among the early-season pacesetters in the new First Division, only three months after claiming the Second Division title.

John giving the once-derid- goal.

star chairman reaching for the cheque book.

Taylor spent only £225,000 on incoming players during the Foothall League that the summer yet still managed to bring in several new names, including his onecredible five-year rise that time Aston Villa and Wolves winger Tony Daley and the former Derby centre-back Dean Yates, neither of whom

It looks good business alongside the £3.5m that Bradford chairman Geoffrey Richmond has allowed manager Paul Jewell to spend in an attempt to take the Yorkshire team into the Premiership.

And Taylor's new Barnes? It could be the Zaire international striker Michael Ngonge, who capped his debut after arriving from Turkish club Samsunspor by With his old friend Elton heading Saturday's decisive

KEY NUMBERS

minutes had elapsed before Manchester United conceded the first goal of the Premier-

7

10 seconds on the field were required by Everton substitute Don Hutchison to collect his first booking of the campaign

15 Premiership minutes were survived by £10,75m Manchester United defender Jaap Stam before he sustained the injury that led to his substitution at half-dime against Leicester.

30 seconds were needed for Alex Smith to score Saturday's fastest goal for Chester at Brighton.

I TOLD YOU SO

We have to be more solid, more defensively tuned in and concentrated than last season Chelsea manager Gianluca Vialli, before Saturday's defeat at

Coventry, Sadly, he forgot

to tell his players...

Missing... making it... and mistaken



NICLAS ALEXANDERSSON SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

A BARGAIN £750,000 signing from IFK Gothenburg last December, the Swedish midfielder looked like the ingredient Ron Atkinson's Sheffield Wednesday side had been lacking but made only eight appearances before suffering a cruciate ligament injury in January, after which Wednesday's fortunes began to decline. The 24-year-old hopes to make a comeback towards the end of next month.



GARETH BARRY ASTON VILLA

With Ugo Ehiogu suspend-

ed and no replacement yet

secured for Steve Staunton, Villa were forced to summon 17-year-old Barry to fill the breach in their central defence against Everton on Saturday. It was only a second senior appearance for the youngster yet he produced a calm, composed display. However, it could hardly have been more daunting than his debut last season against Premiership champions Arsenal.



"And then this dark Italian with sideburns and swept

back hair comes into my office and says I need to buy three players," Danny Wilson tells the Sheffield Wednesday chairman, "and I thought I was supposed to be the Godfather round here!"



Fact and fiction from the Sunday papers

for a striker is reported to have switched back to Alen prise Dwight Yorke from Aston Villa. The People says United, who tried to buy Boksic for £8m a year ago, are prepared to go to £10m now. Boksic's future with the Italian side Lazio is uncertain following the arrival of Chilean Marcelo Salas, ironically a previous United target, but United would have to meet pre-tax wage demands of £2m

Manchester United's search

Meanwhile, according to the People, Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest are competing to tempt away Teddy Sheringham, who is no longer able to command a regular place at Old Trafford. Both are said to be willing to pay £22,000 a week to the England striker, although cash strapped Forest will struggle to find the 13m transfer fee unless they Gérard Houllier.

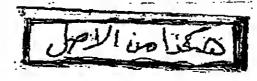
a year to land the Croatian.

can sell Pierre van Hooijdonk, The Mail says Van Hooijdonk, who has refused to report Boksic following the failure of back to the City Ground for the last week's £10m attempt to new season after alleging that Forest lack ambition, pocketed a £150,000 signing-on fee before

going on strike. The News of the World claims that Tottenham are set to sign Internazionale's £4mrated Nigerian international Nwankwo Kanu, whose chances of first-learn football in Milan have been further reduced by the arrival of Rober-

to Baggio from Bologna Middlesbrough, says the same paper, are ready to spend E3m on West Bromwich's Republic of Ireland winger Kevin Kilbane.

Liverpool's hid to strength. en their defence is focusing on Sweden, according to the People, with AIK Stockholm's Johan Mjallby reportedly a 22m target for Roy Evans and



Glamour boys fall to scrap dealers

By GLENN MOORE

Coventry City

INPUT: 13 international players, speaking eight languages, costing £34.5m to buy and £1m a month to keep. Output: One goal, no points.

That was Chelsea's balance sheet from Highfield Road when the first results of the season were released on Saturday. Money may talk but it does not necessarily make sense.

Chelsea's defeat to Coventry was not entirely unexpected, It also happened on opening day last season and it was always going to take a little time for Marcel Desailly, Albert Ferrer and Piertuigi Casiraghi to adapt to the English game's hightempo and laissez-faire refereeing. In addition, with Celestine Babayaro and Gustavo Poyet having rarely played last season communication problems were not just lin-

Yet even with those qualifications the match did little to erase the doubts as to Chelsea's championship prospects. As the Premiership's glamour side they have become one of the teams to beat before becoming hard to beat. They may have come fourth last season but they lost 15 matches, nine more than Ar-

They are also still to find the right response when opponents get physical, Graeme Le Saux, Dennis Wise and Frank fans, stood np wearing a Leboeuf, in particular, tend to lose their their heads and their tempers instead of just stand-

Not that Coventry were dirty just determined to ensure throw the interlopers out. Chelsea were given no time to dwell on the ball and demon- friends an uneasy calm prestrate their quality. "They are better players than we are so we knew we had to work tremendously hard to beat the foolishness of the parentthem," said Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager.

Chelsea were no slackers hut their work-rate lacked the edge that came from Coventry's fear of what might happen if they eased up. City have good players but only Marcus Hedman, who had an outstanding game in goal, George Boateng and the goalscorers. Dion Dublin and Darren Huckerby, would have a chance of making even Chelsea's squad. Having had their confidence boosted with two goals in 16 minutes they scrapped like mink to keep it.

This desire, which reflects Strachan's personality, and the goal-threat of Dublin and Huckerby, is the reason why this year no one has tipped them for the drop. With further strengthening Europe could even be within reach.

Chelsea, who paraded seven World Cup players, are aiming far higher. On the eve of the game Gianluca Vialli admitted: 'I have no excuse. We've got exactly the team we were looking

There were good signs, notably the sharpness of Casiraghi who, if it had oot been for Hedman, might have had a hat-trick and will clearly score heavily. The midfielders all had promising moments but one wonders if Desailly might end up bringing his presence to bear there rather than at the back where Huckerby proved to be more

trouble than Ronaldo had

The 22-year-old, who should make an England debut this

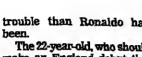
A victory for England? Not

least one vacant place as the police belief that the game's overweening hype will provoke a return to violence was given justification by some spectators.

comfortable juxtaposition beof the game and the tensions old girl, seated with her father in an area reserved for home Chelsea shirt and waved a Cheisea flag almost as hig as she. A Coventry fan nearby and demanded the stewards

Chelsea. If either lose the season's first "crisis club" will be reported to have requested "further information" following an approach from the proposed European superleaguers. Coventry, 32 unbroken seasons in the top flight and counting.

in the top flight and counting, still await the call.
Goals: Huckerby (11) 1-0; Dublin (16) 2-0; Poyer (37) 2-1.
Coventry City (4-4-2): Hedman: Nitson, Shaw, Williams, Burrows: Telfer, Boateng IP Hall, 88], Solvedt, Whelan (M Hall, 70); Dublin, Huckerby, Substitutes not used: Ogstzoek (g), Wallemme, Haworth, Chelsea (4-4-2); De Goey, Ferrer, Desailly, Lebouer, Le Sanc, Poyer, Di Matteo (Zola, 76), Wise: Babayano: Casiraghi, Vialli (Flo, 68), Substitutes not used: Duberry, Hitchcock, Newton, Referee: G Barber (Woking), Booked, Newton, Referee: G Barber (Woking), Rafferee: G Barber (Woking), Rafferee: Huckerby, Chelsea: Wise, Valli, Ferrer, Ran of the madet: Jublin, Akterdanoe: 23.042.



season, drifted away from him after 11 minutes to chip Dublin's flick-on over Ed de Goey for the first. Then Dublin nonchalantly beat Desailly and Poyet to head in Noel Whelan's free-kick.

Chelsea responded with a Poyet header from Wise's freekick but could not beat Hedman again. To chants of "Eng-gerland, Eng-ger-land" Coventry

quite, significant roles were played by Scandinavian, Dutch and Scot while a pair of Belgians wait in the wings. In addition, Coventry's priorities seem askew when jobsworths order the club's apprentices, all dressed in smart suits and hoping to learn from the likes of Desailly, to watch the game on television in the bar downstairs as there was not a proper seat

There should have been at

One particular incident showed the sometimes untween the alleged gentrification raised by its present intensity. When Poyet scored a five-yearspewed forth a torrent of abuse

With the intervention of his vailed though the terrified little girl kept the flag down from then on. Leaving aside and the near-certainty that Stamford Bridge would have been equally intolerant - the worrying aspect was the weakness of the stewards who were even more reluctant to intervene when the same Coventry fan later picked a fight with a fellow City supporter over the merits, or otherwise, of

Whelan. Controlled passion, as exhibited by City's players, is a tremendous asset. Uncontrolled it becomes something nastier. When a caller to Six-O-Six is demanding the sacking of Kenny Dalglish barely 100 minutes after Newcastle's opening game it underlines that the first victim of the season is per-

Next week Newcastle visit upon us. No wonder both are



United still pining for Cantona

PHIL SHAW

Manchester United Leicester City

ALL afternoon he had fidgeted in front of the dug-out like a man with a mink inside his sweat-shirt. Now, like the match itself, his face was drawn by dint of David Beckham's stoppage-time equaliser. "You look exhausted," ventured one scribe. "You should see me in October," shot back Martin O'Neill.

Even the least manic of managers would have struggled to stay calm during a finale in which Leicester lost a goalkeeper, their defensive linchpin and eventually a two-goal lead but still emerged with a creditable draw from the home of the championship favourites. O'Neill seemed unsure whether to laugh or cry, but perhaps did ness, one is more deeply not have the energy to do either. rooted.

The defining characteristic Northern Irishman himself, is manager of a player to link midperpetual motion. There were times during the first half when they swarmed towards Peter Schmeichel, as if possessing extra men, in a manner that stunned all but one corner of Old Trafford into silence. In the end they ran out of steam, not to mention luck, though not before deepening the doubts surrounding United.

Alex Ferguson's need for he was prepared to test the rules concerning illegal approaches in the case of Dwight Yorke. Andy Cole's lack of involvement against Leicester highlighted why it must remain a priority, but while most of Saturday's shortcomings can be rectified by tactical finetuning and sharper match-fit-

Eric Cantona's retirement 15 of O'Neill's team, like the months ago robbed the United field and the front; a catalyst with the craft to unlock the sort of 10-man barrier Leicester erected in the second half. For all that Teddy Sheringham seemed a logical replacement, he does not possess that je ne sois quoi which brought an element of the unpredictable to

There were moments when it seemed the role was being asnew strikers is sopressing that sumed by Ryan Giggs, who perversely drifted into a congested centre when United were crying out for someone to get behind Leicester's winghacks. Beckham, too, came infield without being able to replicate Cantona's creative authority. Until his face saving goal, his principal contribution was a stream of crosses from too far out to trouble Matt Elliott and company.

the contest did Giggs push into the wide position which best suits his talents and his team, although by then United looked a lost cause. Emile Heskey, surprisingly more mobile and confident than Cole, had poked Leicester ahead after being set up by the relentlessly industrious Muzzy Izzet. Tony Cottee made up for a

string of misses by doubling the lead, before Sheringham's riposte ensured that the closing minutes would take the form of a siege. Frank Sinclair was enjoying a debut to confound those who regarded him as Chelsea's weak link (in stark contrast, it transpired, with Marcel Desailly's introduction). but Leicester were already coping without the injured Kasey Keller and suddenly had Elliott helped off, too. Finally, deep in stoppage

time, a trademark Beckham

Only in the final quarter of free-kick answered those in the away pen who had booed him boorishly. O'Neill spoke of "a very sombre dressing-room", while his opposite number get-ting soft in his old age, admitted it was "debatable" whether United deserved a point,

Ferguson's concern that they were a couple of games behind in their preparation gives an unexpected edge to tomorrow's sell-out testimonial match for the survivors of the Munich air disaster between United and Eric Cantona's European XI. The Frenchman, incidental-

ly, has declared his intention to play the full 90 minutes. Too much time has passed for him to be tempted back, yet his experience in dealing with the af-termath of his "kung-fu" assault on a lavatory mouthed spectator at Selhurst Park might be of help to Beckham as he prepares to face the self-

righteous wrath of West Ham's crowd next weekend.

Beckham's virtuosity, allie d to poor positioning by Leurs. ter's substitute keeper. Feg. guy Arphexad, were still putting O'Neill's emotions through the wringer long after his nerves had been squeezed into submission. "his youth coach told me he'd got these two great 15-year-olds," he said. apparently apropos of nothing. "I told him I don't want to know, because by the time they're 18 I'll be dead."

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Attendance 55,053

Perez class provides optimism

DAVE HADFIELD

Blackburn Rovers Derby County

BLACKBURN SUPPORTERS looking hopefully among their summer signings for a new Alan Shearer or Colin Hendry might have seen instead an improved, younger version of Tim

The arrival of the new striker Kevin Davies - a £7.25m record signing from Southampton, at that - was bound to stir some echoes; likewise the Hendryesque spectacle of Darren Peacock battling through despite injury.

But the huzz around Ewood was over the performance of the third debutant, Sebastien Perez, signed from Bastia for a more modest £3m.

Nominally playing wide on the right. Perez, until he tired in the last quarter, was everywhere on the pitch, prompting, prohing and assuming responsibility that has traditionally resided with Rovers' captain.

The clear implication was that central midfield might be his ultimate destination. Sherwood. a sometimes underrated influence during the Shearer-Hendry years, will only be 30 at the end of this season, but Perez gives

Rovers another driving force. There were a lot of tired players in the last 15 minutes, but he showed enough to suggest that he is going to be a very good asset for the club," said Roy Hodgson of the Premiership's latest long-haired Frenchman.

The same was true, with reservations, of Davies. He showed his capacity for hard work and his excellent first touch, but, having missed so much of the latter part of last season with ankle and knee injuries, was well short of match sharpness. Comparisons with Shearer will have to wait.

As for Peacock, his recovery to play after struggling with a knee injury all week signalled his determination to revive his career at Ewood. But the combination of the injury and settling into a new side made him an un-



Peacock: Rough edges

stable element in the middle of the back four and Derby's best chances stemmed, directly or in-

directly, from his rough edges. Not that it was a match that particularly deserved a goal. Both attacks began in lively enough mode, but ran out of impetus as the game went on. Then enabled Stéphane Henchoz and Derby's new Argentinan. Horacio Carbonari, to get a grip in the two penalty areas.

But Derby had done enough to suggest that they are going to be dogged in defence and danto be dogged in defence and dangerous on the break this season. Blackbare Rowers (4-2), Flanc Kernal Henchoz, Paccoc, Doedson, Perez (Gallacher, 69), Firmit, Sherwood, Wilco, Dult, 53); Swon, Davies (Dahlin, 73), Subsakrates not mod. Michiniay, Fertis (g/h).

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Man of the reatche Perez.

Gazza must start playing the game

BY CLIVE WHITE

Middlesbrough Leeds United

THE talk all week had been about how Glenn Hoddle had betrayed the trust of his England players, principally one Paul Gascoigne. But whose trust was Gazza betraying when he was out wining and dining at a restaurant just two days before the start of the season?

The fact that it was OK with Bryan Robson - "he assured me he only had two glasses of red wine so as far as I'm concerned that's not a problem, that's a nice, sensible night out" - does not make it right. There is also the small matter of the trust of 35,000 season ticket holders who, it seems, are ready to bend over backwards to give Gascoigne all the support he needs.

One despairs of ever seeing perfectly fit Gazza take the field again. For how many more months and years do we have to listen to managers telling us that he just needs "a few games to get 100 per cent". In the circumstances, I suppose, it was a surprise to see him playing at all, but like any great champi-

on who is past his best il is as he did on Saturday when sometimes better not to see striking Ian Bowyer, for which them at all

Part of the problem could be

that Gazza knows he can get by, even in a Premiership game, with only 70 per cent fitness, as he did here. And also that he has a manager who is sympathetic to his problem to an absurd degree. ("It was only Thursday night," said Robson. Only. No wonder our lack of professionalism is frowned upon abroad). Hoddle tried the kid-glove approach with Gazza and where did it get him? Let down - betrayed even - by the player's lack of fitness on the eve of the World Cup.

One would hope that the death of his close friend, David Cheek, at 43, apparently from a heart attack, shortly after his recent night out, will have a sobering effect on the player.

Gascoigne still possesses the ability to make a telling pass and occasionally manoeuvre himself into useful shooting positions - as he did in the 83rd minute when producing the only meaningful shot of the afternoon - but he can no longer get away from opponents. And when he cannot, he allows an errant elbow to come into play, he was booked.

Robson is putting much store by the potential of his partnership with Paul Merson and certainly the latter does not look as though he will be letting Middlesbrough down this season. Most of Boro's best moves emanated from the former Arsenal player. The only trouble was, he was supposed to be there to finish them, but then Merson is essentially an attacking midfielder. Leeds were similarly found a. wanting in attack and sorely missed the suspended Jimmy Hasselbaink, never mind the departed Rod Wallace.

It was difficult to judge Boro when so seriously weakened by injury and suspension. At least they had the good sense not to seek a postponement. If only Gazza could learn from his mistakes, too.

mistakes, too.
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Bowyer, Sharpe; Mewell, Wijnhard, Substitutes not used: Roberto, Wetherall,
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Man of the match, Merson.
Attendance: 34,160.

Boos and booze all round as Newcastle disappoint

BY SIMON TURNBULL

Newcastle United

Chariton Athletic IT WAS only a matter time before questions were going to be asked about the supposedly new Newcastle. They were duly delivered after 90 minutes of the same old stultifying stuff at St

James' Park on Saturday. When one reporter enquired "how disappointed" Kenny Dalglish happened to be after watching his team fail to break

to 10 men for 65 minutes, he was merely posing the kind of question the disgruntled foot- match. soldiers of the Toon Army would have liked to pose to the Newcastle manager as they left their boos ringing round the ground and headed for the nearest boozer.

press Dalglish has the unhappy knack of treating even the most innocent of queries as a come away with the three

down a Charlton team reduced "spit out your dummy and re- ter United and we're one ahead Mills, Dalglish's team never John Barnes, a half-time subphrase the question," however, of Chelsea. If we finish the seathe inscrutable one met his son like that we'll all be happy."

"I'm not having that," the affronted journalist retorted and followed up with a frank may have looked the part in precounter-attack which left a slightly chastened Dalglish obliged to answer his original When it comes to facing the question - up to a characteristically obtuse point, that is.

"We're disappointed not to verbal dagger to his very heart. points," he said, "hut we're sixth-minute shot cleared off of Nikolaos Dabizas, Newcastle them had Sasa Ilic not leapt to When he asked his inquisitor to level on points with Manches- the Chariton line by Danny failed to find any cohesion. Charlton's rescue. That would

On Saturday's showing, Newcastle will be struggling to finish level with Chariton. They season, but in the heat of Premiership battle, against the debutants from London SE7, they looked like the same team that fell apart after beating

Barcelona last season. Though Alan Shearer had a plot, let alone lose one. They had difficulty enough finding each other.

When Alessandro Pistone passed to Dermot Gallagher midway through the first half the referee changed his striped top. Not that it made any difference. Even when there was one red shirt less, after Richard Rufus was dismissed for landing a forearm smash on the face

seriously threatened to find a stitute, pulled a hamstring crossing the half-way line (someone suggested it must have been a nosebleed instead). And the mere amouncement of Warren Barton as Barnes' replacement was met with an

echo of boos.

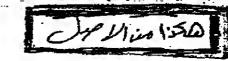
It was that sort of afternoon for Newcastle, one from which they would have ill deserved the three points Pistone's 88ndminute drive would have given them had Sasa Ilic not leapt to

have been an injustice to Ilic and his colleagues, who almost snatched the victory themselves when Steve Jones forced a reflex save from Shay Given with five minutes remaining.

League," the Addicks addicts chanted, though Alan Curbishley was happy enough with the winning of a Premiership point. 'If we'd had 11 men on the pitch all game and got a point I would have been delighted," the Charlton manager said. It will be at The Valley that

Curbishley's team tackle their next test, against Southampton. For Newcastle, though, the questions remain. The biggest is whether Dalglish will still be answering them at the end of answering them at the end of the season. Autumn, that is. Nameaste United 14-4-27 Green, Waison. Charlet, Pame. Pistone. Lie, Oktows (timer. 45. Barton, 68). Harman, Speed, Anderson (Messbas, 66). Shakes Substitutes not used: Albert, Perez (gh. 10-10). Rediem, Mitchell. Charlons 66). Shakes Substitutes not used: Albert, Perez (gh. 10-10). Rediem, Mitchell. Charlons 66). Substitutes not words. Powell. Newton, Rediem, Mitchell. Charlons (Mouthing. B1); Hurt (Grown, 24). Mendones, [S. Jones, 61). Substitutes not used: X Jones, Petterson (gk.) Reference D. Gallegher (Barrous y). Booland: Newtons, Robinson Sanding-off: Charlons Newton, Robinson Sanding-off: Charlons "We're gonna win the

Man of the match: Youds. Accordance: 36,719



New chapter opens in Hoddle saga

WHEN THE mix of old hands and aspiring hopefuls arrived at Bisham Abbey last night some joked that they were there for a casting session for Glenn Hoddle's next pot-boiler rather than to prepare for the European Championship qualifying cam-

Humour is the English footballer's automatic response to most tricky situations but, undermost tricky situations but, under-neath the mickey-taking, there

The latter is, in many respects, the most damaging. Hoddle's faith was an undercurrent of anger at the leafy Elizabethan retreat.

Many senior players, some already unsure about Hoddle's tactical judgement, are privately fuming at the timing and asture

of the revelations in his serialised ers to see ber. Now comes the as World Cup diary.

While Hoddle has not, in truth, revealed much that was not either known or suspected, the issue has raised serious doubts as to his position. The affair illustrates several of his higgest faults: hispettiness, his greed, his arrogance and his obsession with Eileen

was a private matter which should have been - and largely was - respected while it remained private. He has made it a public issue by his constant reference to her "healing" and by his "encouraging" his play-

sertion that his only World Cup mistake was not taking her to France from the start. This, be writes, would have improved the team by 20 per cent.

She must take a great penalty. More seriously, this graphically ilhistrates Hoddle's apparent inability to recognise that he, like every other manager, makes mistakes. He also asserts that Michael Owen recovered from a blow to the head in the pre-finals match with Morocco after Hoddle put his hand on Owen and said a prayer. What a pity he could not heal the injuries to Ian Wright and Andy Hinchcliffe the same way.



GLENN MOORE

It is this sort of comment, and his betrayal of some players though Paul Gascoigne, David Beckham, Alex Ferguson and

Chris Sutton had all previously expressed their opinions through but only if Hoddle starts to temper but he ought to be put on probation rather than offered a new contract. the media - that could lead to his losing the respect and trust of the team. Ordinarily when that hap-pens results suffer but, given the qualifying opposition (Sweden, Bulgaria, Poland, Luxembourg), and English players' commitment to the national team regardless of management, that should not be a problem until the finals at least.

Hoddle looks like he will remain in place until then and beyond. The Football Association's extraordinary response to the furore will be to offer Hoddle an extension of his contract to 2002.

There is sense in continuity

is something very shabby in the realisation that Hoddle and David Davies, his co-author and the FA director of public affairs, were keeping the juicy bits back for the book during a series of press conferences which were characterised by evasion and denial.

Flogging the serialisation to *The*Sun for £250,000 and then complaining about their headlines is a bit rich. That act alone proves the motivation is financial, not a case of putting the record right, and he has plenty of journalists willing to hear his views for nothing.

A resigning matter? Not quite

It is not as if the team's performances have made him impregnable. However gallant a failure the World Cup campaign, which fin-ished on a par with Paraguay, Norway and Mexico, was still a failure not least because of Hoddle's team selection against Romania.

At the least Hoddle should apologise for his misjudgement. Davies could write that as well, as he did Beckham's and Teddy Sheringham's when they were called to account. But that will not happen unless someone is prepared to pay handsomely for it. Besides, it would be a good introduction to the paperback.

Premiership kick-off: Wimbledon still stubbornly refuse to accept the inevitable after 13 years in the top flight

Kinnear happily defying all logic

THIRTEEN years now and Wimbledon are off and running again. Poorly supported, no home to call their own, not a penny spent on strengthening the team but still confident of surviving in the Premiership. "Hands up anyone who didn't tip us to go down," said their ebullient manager. Joe Kinnear,

Kinnear has beard it all before, the doom-laden forecasts, misrepresentation of Wimbledon's method, carping respect for their unquenchable

No team fancies the trip but trepldation is a cliche that Wimbledon turn to their adantage. No mere aerial bomardment but ability to get the ball down and move it around productively. "We aren't given credit for that but I'm past complaining," Kinnear added. "In any case it works for us because in worrying about our reputation teams ignore that we have talented players."

Winibledon's 3-1 defeat of Tottenham on Saturday emphasised again the power of anxiety: Shaping up to deal with directness, Tottenham found themselves frequently out-passed and second best in

In the corresponding fixture towards the end of last season Wimbledon went from a 2-1 lead to a 6-2 defeat, undone by David Ginola'a wiles and Jurgen Klinsmann's clinical finishing. "There was a reason for that," Kinnear said. "We lost a player, then our concentration and the roof came in."

Wimbledon - trained up by the Olympic athletes Daley Thompson, Kris Akabussi and Derek Redmond - gave Christian Gross's team more than it could handle. This time the roof came in on his goalkeeper Ian Walker, forewarned after only three minutes when Robbie Earle went close with a header from Neil Ardley's

With freedom from the injuries that kept them out of many matches last season Earle and Efan Ekoku may well prove Kinnear's belief that



JONES on Monday

Wimbledon's strike rate will show a big improvement.

A hint of it came three minutes after half-time when Alan Kimble touched a free-kick to Michael Hughes who sent in an angled cross from which Earle outjumped Walker to put Wimhledon ahead. Nothing fancy, but effective and more to

When Kinnear was not watching the World Cup finals be spent a lot of time scouting abroad for players. "Of course, I saw some who are better than we have but not within our price range," he said. Closer to home, Kinnear tried for Mark Hughes before the Welsh international moved from Chelsea to Southampton. "Hughes is still a terrific player," Kinnear added, "but 20

grand a week! No way." Kinnear has £3m to spend but it is not burning a hole in his pocket. "I've looked all over the place, been to half a dozen countries but haven't seen anyone we could afford who would improve the team," he added. How much would Kinnear

have to pay for a more potent attacker than Ekoku? Served by Hughes who was a shrewd purchase last season and a great deal more effective on Saturday than the fitful Ginola, he put Wimbledon further ahead after an hour, rising majestically to beat Walker with a thumping header.

At last Tottenham woke up, taking advantage of Wimble don's increasing tiredness with



Christian Gross found the anxiety of last season soon returned during Saturday's depressing defeat Allsport

card for diving) becoming more of a threat when released from the left flank.

Exploiting the space that began to appear on the right side of Wimbledon's defence, Stephen Carr launched a move that enabled Ruel Fox to cut

tween two defenders to fire against the crossbar Wimbledon sent on fresh legs, but relief came with Ekoku's second

goal in the 90th mimite. A poor start by Tottenham, last season's flaws still evident. very little coming from Les Wimbledon's lead with a low Ferdinand and Chris Arm- et hike will take some justifying.

Ginola (who received a yellow shot. When Ginola then cut be- strong. "Every player in the team has to think about working harder," Gross said. "Wimbledon are difficult enough to play against without giving

them presents." Effort is essential but unless Tottenham can show a big improvement a recent season tickGoals: Earle (48) 1-0; Ekoku (59) 2-0; For (74) 2-1; Ekoku (90) 3-1

Hammers put on Wright track



Sheffield Wednesday

BY PHIL ANDREWS

West HamUnited

AT THE end of a World Cup summer, West Ham fans are probably even more acutely aware than the rest of us that it is a long time since the glory days of Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst.

As a new campaign gets underway, the burden of reinflating the bubbles of success at Upton Park rests on the shoulders of the man they loved to hate when he wore the shirt of their neighbours Arsenai - Ian

The Hammers manager, Harry Redknapp, has brought in the 34-year-old England

thusiasm and scoring power to · 0 a young, skilful side which might have scraped into Europe last season had they posaessed those qualities In greater abundance.

Wright delivered all three at Hillsborough, although he left the most important - goal-scoring - a trifle late. "lan's great in the dressing-

room, full of life and energy. He had his music going before the match, and it was a different atmosphere from last year when we were a young side full of quiet lads," Redknapp said. Out on the pitch, Wright's enthusiasm almost got the better

of him when he became m-

volved in a vigorous finger wag-

Thome after the latter's boot other new signing, Neil Rudhad made contact with Trevor Sinclair's head Otherwise, his first full

match in claret had been decidedly sober. His chief contrihution was to loft a couple of opportunities over the crossbar until his striking partner Sinclair set him free with only the goalkeeper to beat in the 84th

As the Wednesday defenders appealed for offside, Wright calmly slotted the ball past Kevin Pressman and the travelling Hammers fans were delighted to take back everything they had ever said about him.

"He's a fantastic goal-scorer. Give him half a chance and

striker to add motivation, en- Wednesday defender Emerson knapp, who also praised andock, for the way be defended during the late Wednesday flurry Wright's goal incited.

Danny Wilson's new charges would have been out of contention well before that but for the agility of Pressman, who denied West Ham's two most impressive players, Frank Lampard and Eyal Berkovic, before crowning an inspired afternoon with a fingertip save

from Ian Pearce. Pressman's future at Hillsborough has been the subject of some pre-season speculation, but after this performance his manager had only praise for

"He was great. He wants to ging altercation with the be sticks it away," said Red- prove everyone wrong, and if he

goes on playing like this, be could yet get into the England side," said Wilson.

There was precious little else to praise about Wednes-

day's performance. The Italians Benito Carbone and Paulo Di Canio were sporadically inventive and Petter Rudi worked hard in midfield, but on this showing Wilson has a big job ahead of him if Wednesday are to do more than stave

day are to do more than stave off relegation again this season. Goats Wright (64)
Sheffield Madnesday (4-3-1-2): Pressman; Thome, Walker, Corbian, Hanchdille; Acheron, Jonk, Rud. Carbone: Booth, Di Canio, Substitutes not used: Whittingham, Hyde, Clarke (gh.) Cales, Barrett.
Wiest Hern United (3-2-3-2): Histop: Pearce, Ruddock, Ferdinand: Imper, Lomas; Lazardis, Berkone (Moncur 84). Lampard; Shedak, Wright, Substitutes not used: Keller, Forrest (6f), Omoyinmi, Margas Booked: Wiest Ham: Ruddock, Lampard. Attendamer: 30.236.

New boys are full of promise

BY JON CULLEY

Everton Aston Villa

IT IS said that football fans are fickle but they can be enormously forgiving, too. Three months ago Everton teetered again on the edge of relegation yet on Saturday stepped out to a welcome fit for champions. What short memories their

supporters have. Then again, maybe it is a kind of insurance, this enthusiasm for a new season. After last year things can only get better, surely? On second thoughts, better to raise the roof early, before there is time for things to go wrong.

And so the greater part of a 41,000 Goodison Park full house achieved a deafening decibel from the tunnel as though the trials of Howard Kendall's final days had never happened.

They did, of course, which is why Walter Smith, formerly of Rangers, has come south to lead them from the wilderness where Kendall, Joe Royle and Mike Walker failed. Six times in the bottom half of the table in the last seven years measures the depth of wilderness from which Smith must hack an es-

cape route. Can the man who won 12 trophies in six years in Glasgow now restore Evertonian pride? to say. The new players unveiled may well represent less than half the rebuilding programme Smith has in mind. Certainly, he did not tempt John Collins, Olivier Dacourt and Marco Materazzi to Merseyside by suggesting they would play in the team that

The need for more quality is clear, especially up front where Duncan Ferguson and John Spencer will not cause many defenders sleepless nights.

True, they created the best chance of the afternoon when Spencer won a ninth minute penalty, but otherwise a Villa defence, lacking both the sus-

pended Ugo Ehiogu and the de-

parted Steve Staunton, was

unbreached save for a couple of moments in which Mark

Bosnich came to their rescue.

Gareth Barry, the 17-year-old

wbo replaced Ebiogu, can feel justly proud. Collins missed the penalty, spoiling an afternoon in which be promised much, suggesting be can be the creative midfielder Everton have lacked. Dacourt, alongside him, tackles strongly and passes with precision in the manner of Patrick Vieira. Together they look a

Materazzi, Smith's third buy, complements a defence that · Slaven Bilic returns from injury. Smith argued afterwards that the penalty miss was the key moment, dissuading Villa

mouthwatering combination.

from spending much time in pursuit of a better result. It is difficult to place Villa in the pecking order this season, even though their run of 11 wins in 14 matches last spring would

be championship form were it to be sustained. The loss of Staunton leaves a large hole to be filled, Dwight Yorke has shown his hand by declining a new contract and Stan Collymore threatens to become a On this evidence it is too early millstone around John Gregory's neck. Alan Thompson, recruited from Bolton, had some decent moments on his debut but it seemed wasteful to include him at the expense of Mark Draper.

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR HODDLE P25 SCHUMACHER CELEBRATES TITLE INROADS P19

Cricket: Rejuvenated Hick leads the way as world one-day champions are brushed aside by greater tactical astuteness

Confident England are still on a high

BY DEREK PRINGLE at Lord's

England 247; Sri Lanka 211 England win by 36 runs

LORD'S WAS introduced to modern cricket yesterday with an impressive England victory over the World Cup holders, Sri Lanka, Needing to score 248, Sri Lanka were bowled out in the final over for 211. The winning margin of 36 runs means that South Africa will have to beat England heavily at Edgbaston tomorrow, to have any chance of qualifying for the final.

Apart from the novelty factor spectacle and both teams underperformed to different de-

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Progress: 50: 44 mm, 56 balls 100: 83 mm, 105 balls 150:118 mm, 175 balls, 200: 154

mm, 241 balls 15 over scere: 87-2 Scenarz 50: 89 mms, 61 balls, 8 fours, Hick 50: 71 mms, 57 balls, 4 fours

G A Hick run but

downgrade any England victory – they claim they need the winning habit - this was not a match they would have learned a great deal from as regards their World Cup plans, except that Sri Lanka's batting plan falls apart if they do not get away to their customary flyer.

Aside from a decent enough

performance from Ian Austin on his debut, and a chancey half-century from Alec Stewart. that saw the England captain dropped three times, it was a performance that revolved around the comeback kids of whom Graeme Hick, having of coloured clothing, this was a not been involved in the Texascrappy match rather than a co matches earlier in the summer, contributed the most.

Coming to the crease after gree on a slow but true pitch. Pramodya Wickremasinghe

LORD'S SCOREBOARD

min. 21 b "A Ranatunga b Croft 83 min. 68 bolts, 4 fours U C Hathurusingha c Stewn

While it would be churlish to had removed both Alistair Brown and Nick Knight, Hick batted with prowess and power. When he was at the crease, England added 168 runs, the bulk coming in two partnerships, one worth 76 runs with his captain, the other, contributing 91 runs, with Nasser Hussain. And yet there is the feeling that any success Hick has outside of the Test arena proves nothing, other than

there are two Graeme Hicks. The schizophrenia, long suspected, has been glaringly apparent over the past three weeks. First there has been the Hick of the last two Tests against South Africa: paralysed into uncertainty by the tenseness of the situation and the potency of the bowling. Then there was the one at Lord's yesterday who looked fluent and unencumbered enough to lift Kumara Dharmasena effortlessly into the top tier of the Grand Stand as if he were waving away a fly.

Hick, whose innings duly won the man of the match internationals and has two hundreds, one against India and the Netherlands, though he might have added to the tally yesterday had he not been run out attempting an optimistic single.

Even so, you cannot escape the fact that Hick tends to do better against weaker sides. Sri Lanka may be a daunting prospect with the bat but, the 10-211 (Murchtharan).

Bowling: Goegh 10-0-51-3 (no5, w2) [5-0-22-2 3-9-9-0 2-0-20-1). Marcin 8-0-34-1 (nb2,w6) (5-0-28-1 2-0-5-0). Mullally 8-1-20-2 (nne speil). Assistin 8-3-37-2 (nb.w1) [7-0-31-1 1-3-0-6-1). Croft 10-0-37-1, Holiloake 5-0-18-1 (w1) (nne pacey Suresh Perera excepted, they are hardly intimidating. If this troubled talent is to find fulfilment, it will surely now have Spell each).
Progresss 50: 54 m/n. 70 balls, 100: 110
Progresss 50: 554 m/n. 70 balls, 100: 110
m/n. 146 balls, 150: 158 m/n. 229 balls, 200:
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Put in by Sri Lanka, England's eventual total was at least 30 runs light. Like their batting in the Tests, the lower half of the order failed to con- Sri Lanks that their bowling is tribute much and from a posi-



wickets for 24 runs in 35 balls. Coupled with the 30 extras conceded, there is still scope from something between major surgery and fine tuning to be performed.

However, if picking specialists in place of bits and pieces all-rounder's contributed to a droopy tail, having three frontline pace bowlers certainly paid off. You get the impression with almost incidental to proceed-

total the opposition get, their batsmen fancy their chances. Finding themselves 49 for 4 in the 11th over, though, was perhaps too much of a shock and

they never recovered. Citing the the extra swing of the white ball as a key reason for picking the likes of Peter Martin and Alan Mulially, who throttled the middle order with his accuracy, the selectors perspicacity was rewarded. Martin, in his first one-dayer for two

from the right-handers. One such ball, in the second over, accounted for Romesh Kaluwitharana, who edged behind after sion that was neither the best being drawn into a leg-side

Meanwhile, Gough, fairly hurtling in from the Pavilion End, removed the danger man Sanath Jayasuriya for 11 with a beauty that bounced and left the batsman down the slope. Earlier Jayasuriya had taken 3 introduction of Austin gave

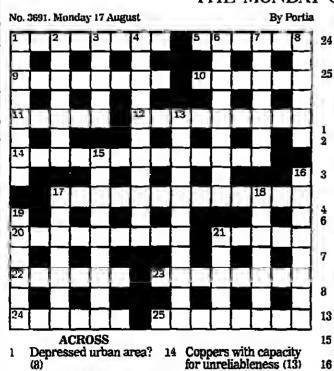
spin, but his early loss was significant and two overs later Gough added Marvan Atapattu to his tally with an lbw deci-

nor the worst of the summer. At that stage, with their heavy artillery nullified, Sri Lanka needed a major innings from Aravinda de Silva. A compact player, De Silva thumped several short-arm pulls and cuts to the boundary before the for 36 with his slippery left-arm them the wicket they wanted.

quibbled over, though De Silva. back sharply, may beg to differ. Austin has been a stalwart for Lancashire over the past decade and his call-up for the injured Mark Ealham was deservedly popular. Having removed Sri Lanka's match winner he had the pleasure of adding to his tally by taking the last wicket as well. His next target - the World Cup.

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THE MONDAY CROSSWORD



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A pistol goes off before 10 Sounds like a contemporary show (6) 11 Winning amateur's su-

holding woody plant

Food freak's a rascal at points our sign (6) first (6-3) middle-men grab loot (8) 21 Outfit's secure and in high spirits (3-2) In agreement with military division taking guy perior all together (5) 23 Only time it's in order 12 Dispute about stake

24 Team leader's feeble but of a hearty, outdoor type Liberal family are outside of royal sphere (8)

> Trouble about honour soldiers get in Australia Shoot-up involving one criminal group out East

Spray gun? (5-6) One's positive repair work outside is on the Many soon get out of line beyond any doubt

Supervisor Betty gives us a sweet (6) Delay having a meal and serve diners (4,2,5) Port wine's final destina-

tion (9) Can't do anything without hired hand (8) Worker laying in large supply of rooting materi-

Traced round design that is 1930's style (3,4) A display figure (6) Woodland fawn backs off

Owen provides notice of Liverpool's ambitions

FOOTBALL

BY NICK HARRIS

Southampton Liverpool

MICHAEL OWEN signalled his intentions for the new season by scoring the winning goal for Liverpool yesterday in his first post-World Cup Premiership match. In a game where the visitors failed to impress for consistent periods - but still managed to have an edge over a much-changed Southampton line-up - it was Owen's contributions that ultimately made the difference as Liverpool came from behind to win 2-1.

The strike which sealed the contest came in the 72nd minute, but was not without controversy being scored after the Southampton defender Jason Dodd had not been allowed back on to the pitch after receiving treatment.

A throw-in by Steve Staunton was headed on by Paul Ince and Owen, unmarked in the hox - partly due to Dodd's absence - made no mistake in putting it in the net.

The Southampton manager Dave Jones, said afterwards: "I don't understand the ruling.

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You can't blame the referee for to the head of Karlheinz Reidle which often dogged him at implementing it, but I don't understand why the lad couldn't come back on the pitch

when he was fit to." It was a justifiable point, but the end result was a fair enough representation of the match. Liverpool had attacked from the start, with Ince attempting a 20yard shot in the first 30 seconds, an effort that was pushed past the post by Paul Jones in the Southampton goal

Three minutes later, after a typical run from Steve Mc-Manaman - ostensibly performing a playmaker's role in the centre, but favouring the left side for most of his forays - the ball fell to Owen. His shot was not powerful, but it still required the deft reflexes of

Jones to put it wide. Southampton were forced to substitute John Beresford a few minutes later following a challenge by Veggard Heggern, but the home side recovered from the early Liverpool pressure to

take the lead in the 36th minute. Carlton Palmer fed the ball to Ripley on the right, whose cross was met in the box by Egil Ostenstad, who headed home. The advantage was short-lived. however, as within two minutes Owen had fed a similar cross on

at the other end and the German equalised. In this fixture last season,

which finished 1-1, Reidle also scored for Liverpool - and coincidentally also with a headed goal from a cross in the same minute of the first half - and Southampton then equalised with a goal from Kevin Davies - now gone to Blackburn - to take a share of the points. Late in the first half yesterday, Southampton nearly took the lead when what looked like a speculative cross from Dodd

had to be tipped over the bar.

The resulting corner fell to Ripley outside the box, but his powerful effort flew over the bar. Owen threatened early in the second half when a deft turn and pass from Riedle left the young striker with the ball at his feet and heading for goal. His fluidity gave him the chance to put Liverpool ahead, but Jones managed to foil his shot, holding

the ball after a full-stretch dive. Southampton countered. again through the work of Ripley, who was set free down the right wing and should have carried on to take a chance. Whether through misplaced selflessness - or more likely the pathological fear of shooting

Blackburn - he did not try a shot. Instead, by the time Osten-

stad was ready to receive the cross, he was surrounded by Liverpool defenders and the move was wasted. Owen's goal followed not long after and there was little Southampton could do to steal a draw, even with the late introduction of Matt Le Tissier, who may find himself a bench player more

often than not this season. The Liverpool co-manager Roy Evans, who said after the match that long-term injury victim Robbie Fowler was close to resuming light training again. was full of praise for Owen.

"He's always going to get chances to score but it's about the team, he'll tell you that himself," be said. "He'a an exceptional young lad and the first goel was down to him and other players getting the ball forward."

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Goals: Oscenstad 1-0 (36): Riedle 1-1
(38): Owen 1-2 (72): Jones: Dodd. Hiley Lundelown, Beresfard (Bridge, 7): Ripley (Beattle, 76): Patmer, Dryden, Calley:
Ostenstad (Le Tissier, 67): Hughes: Subsaktures nee used: Howells, Moss (pt).
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